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INTRODUCTION
BY STAN LEE

Hi, heroes!

Let me level with you. I always thought our good ol' Man Without Fear was the star of the best series that Marvel had ever bequeathed to a passionately grateful public. In fact, I had forgotten how enthusiastic I was about this series until Marvel editor Tom Brevoort sent me copies of all the old strips from *Daredevil* issues 12 through 21 to refresh my memory about these now-legendary issues.

I started reading the stories immediately because the artwork was so great I couldn't put 'em down. Now here's the embarrassing part. I had actually forgotten that I had written them! It wasn't until I saw my name on the credits that it hit me. Well, I've never been famous for my memory. But looking at these beautifully-drawn strips made me realize something…

I always thought I was a fairly good writer. But, y'know what? I'm absolutely convinced that great artists like Jack Kirby (who laid out issues #12 and #13), Johnny Romita (who penciled and inked those two issues, and penciled all the others through #19) and Gene Colan (who penciled #20 and #21)—great artists such as these could make any writer look good! You almost don't have to read the stories; you can simply luxuriate in the spell of the magnificent artwork in these ten fantastic issues which your eager eyes will soon be hungrily devouring.

But hey, it won't break my heart if you do read the yarns also. I'm kinda partial to them.

As an added bonus, you're sure to get a kick out of the villains that are lying in wait on the pages that follow. Just to whet your appetite, here are a few burgeoning baddies you'll soon be encountering—the powerful brother of the world-famous Ka-Zar, none other than the rarely-seen Plunderer! And, as if the Plunderer isn't enough, we also feature Ka-Zar himself in this high-powered three-issue series.

Then, once we've gotten you off to a flying start, we smashingly segue into an unforgettable bout between Daredevil and the super-strong, super-merciless, super-deadly human juggernaut known as the Ox! Besides the fact that Jazzy Johnny did himself proud with the great battle scenes, I always felt that "And Men Shall Call Him…Ox!" was one of my most dramatic titles! Believe it or not, I'd often spend as much time dreaming up the titles as I spent working on the plots. You might call me a title junkie.

Issues #16 and #17 not only feature (if you'll forgive a shameless descent into abysmal alliteration…) the mysterious menace of the murderously maniacal Masked Marauder, but wait'll you realize that both now-classic tales also give you—yep, you guessed it—everyone's favorite web-slingin' wonder, your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man. And I'm betting that the battle between Daredevil and Spidey will knock you out of your socks—even if you're barefooted!

In #18 we introduce one of Daredevil's most seemingly unbeatable foes. Armed with two deadly wrist blades, super-strength and a suit of battle armor that could give Iron Man a run for his money, DD must now face—the Gladiator. This one we promise you won't soon forget. And I'm not even mentioning the guest star appearances of some other mighty Marvel heroes! Oh, and remember the title I mentioned earlier? "And Men Shall Call Him…Ox!" Well, this one has a similarly cadenced title, different but with the same type of feeling. What d'ya think of "There Shall Come A Gladiator"?

The Gladiator story worked out so well we decided to feature him in issue #19 also. But, how could we top everything that had gone before? Glad you asked. It wasn't easy, but after long hours of strategizing and head-scratching we finally came up with the idea of bringing back the Masked Marauder because, judging by our mail, the fans seemed to love hating him. In order to make it a super-special issue and totally different from the previous Gladiator thriller, we added new twists and new types of combat and—well, hey, you'll see for yourself as you marvel at the majestic melange of magnificent mayhem that awesomely awaits you while reliving the thrills of one of comicdom's greatest battles, where we went all out by setting up our Man Without Fear to tackle every baddie in sight in order to survive and triumph. I guess I'd better clam up now before you get the ridiculous idea that I'm trying to sell you something—which, I might as well admit, I am!

Okay, I hope you're ready for your rapturously riotous wrap-up. This is the one penciled by the titanically talented Gene Colan and inked by Mickey Demeo, actually a nom de plume for the real Mike Esposito. The reason Mike used an alias? Beats me. He coulda called himself Joe Schmo for all I care, as long as his inking did justice to Gene's great penciling—which, as you're about to see, it certainly did. But what's the story itself about? Wouldja believe it's the first time ever that we brought back one of our wildest and weirdest villains—the seemingly unconquerable Owl. I mean, when a guy can fly, he's not gonna be a pushover, right?

I'm betting you'll get a real charge out of comparing the different art styles in this idyllically illustrious issue. For example, you'll notice the subtle difference in page and panel layouts between the first two issues and the ones that followed. You see, the great Jack Kirby did the layouts for Johnny's pencil work in issues #12 and #13. After that, Ring-A-Ding Romita himself did all the layouts as well as the penciling. Then, you'll have a chance to see how sharp your eye is as you compare the layouts and penciling of Gene Colan's issues #20 and #21 with the preceding strips that were done by John Romita. Yep, good ol' big-hearted Marvel doesn't just toss great super-hero strips atcha—we give you the chance to become art connoisseurs as well. But that's okay, no need to shower us with gratitude and praise. We only do it 'cause we love ya!

Well, I've been yapping long enough. Now it's time for both of us to get the good stuff. I said both of us because ain't no way I won't take advantage of the chance to reread these cool and cataclysmic classics myself.

So, as one super hero to another, Bunky—

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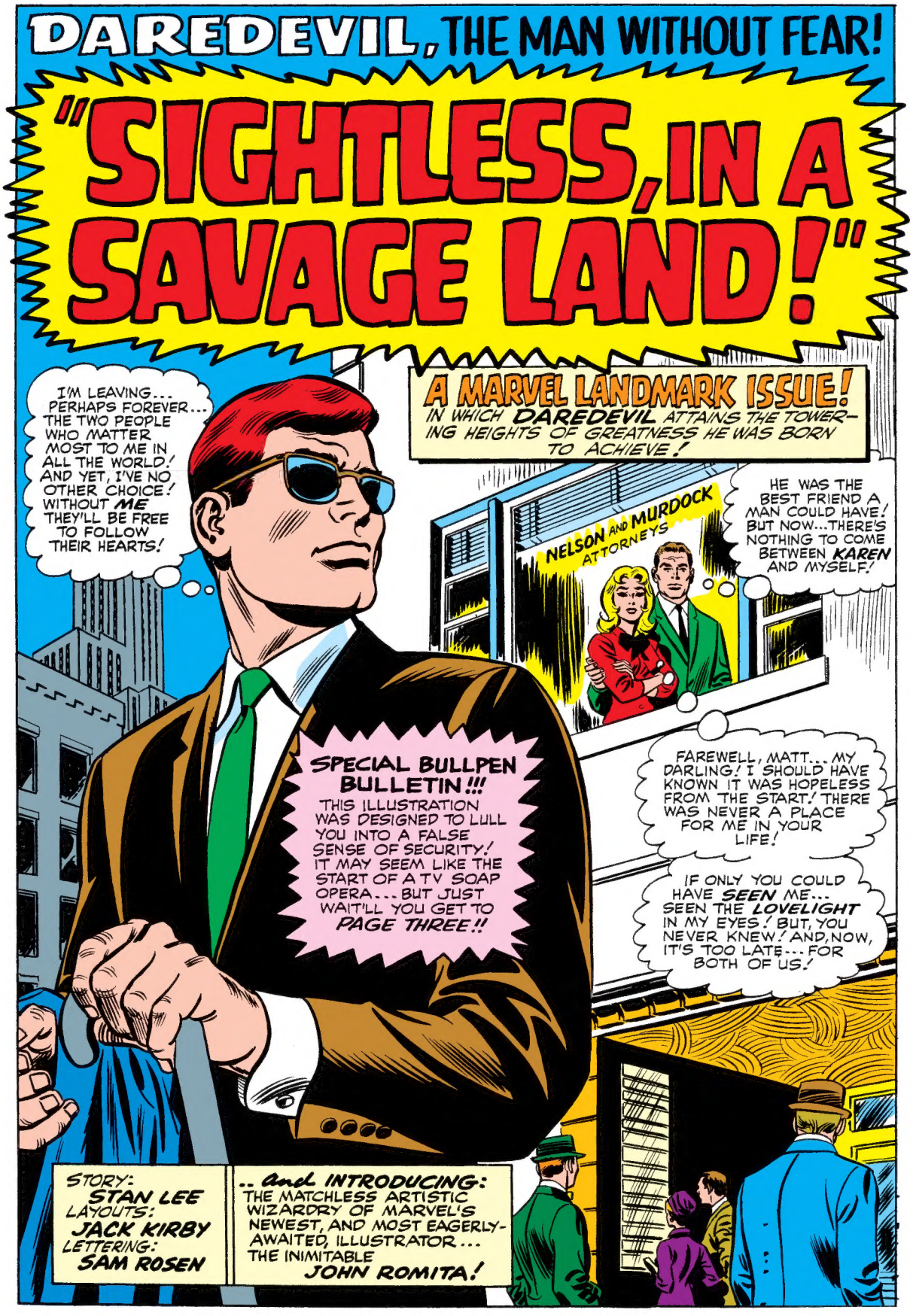
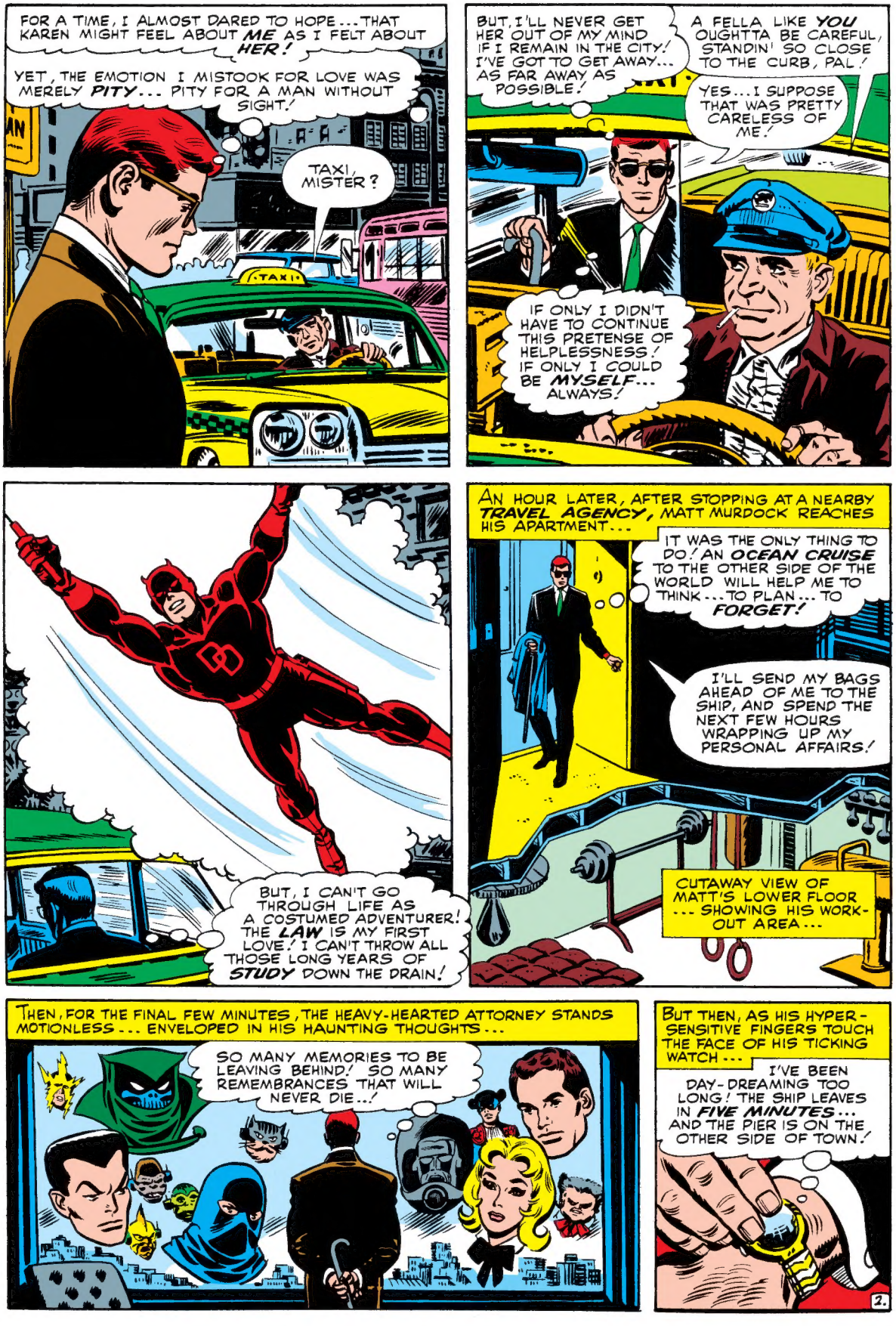
KA-ZAR LIVES AGAIN!
"SIGHTLESS, IN A SAVAGE LAND!"


DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"SIGHTLESS, IN A SAVAGE LAND!"
A MARVEL LANDMARK ISSUE!
IN WHICH DAREDEVIL ATTAINS THE TOWERING HEIGHTS OF GREATNESS HE WAS BORN TO ACHIEVE!
I'M LEAVING... PERHAPS FOREVER... THE TWO PEOPLE WHO MATTER MOST TO ME IN ALL THE WORLD! AND YET, I'VE NO OTHER CHOICE! WITHOUT ME THEY'LL BE FREE TO FOLLOW THEIR HEARTS!
NELSON AND MURDOCK ATTORNEYS
HE WAS THE BEST FRIEND A MAN COULD HAVE! BUT NOW...THERE'S NOTHING TO COME BETWEEN KAREN AND MYSELF!
SPECIAL BULLPEN BULLETIN!!! THIS ILLUSTRATION WAS DESIGNED TO LULL YOU INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY! IT MAY SEEM LIKE THE START OF A TV SOAP OPERA... BUT JUST WAIT'LL YOU GET TO PAGE THREE!!
FAREWELL, MATT... MY DARLING! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS HOPELESS FROM THE START! THERE WAS NEVER A PLACE FOR ME IN YOUR LIFE!
IF ONLY YOU COULD HAVE SEEN ME... SEEN THE LOVELIGHT IN MY EYES! BUT, YOU NEVER KNEW! AND, NOW, IT'S TOO LATE... FOR BOTH OF US!
STORY: STAN LEE
LAYOUTS: JACK KIRBY
LETTERING: SAM ROSEN
...and INTRODUCING: THE MATCHLESS ARTISTIC WIZARDRY OF MARVEL'S NEWEST, AND MOST EAGERLY-AWAITED, ILLUSTRATOR... THE INIMITABLE JOHN ROMITA!


FOR A TIME, I ALMOST DARED TO HOPE...THAT KAREN MIGHT FEEL ABOUT ME AS I FELT ABOUT HER!
YET, THE EMOTION I MISTOOK FOR LOVE WAS MERELY PITY... PITY FOR A MAN WITHOUT SIGHT!
TAXI, MISTER?
TAXI
BUT, I'LL NEVER GET HER OUT OF MY MIND IF I REMAIN IN THE CITY! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY... AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!
A FELLA LIKE YOU OUGHTTA BE CAREFUL, STANDIN' SO CLOSE TO THE CURB, PAL!
YES...I SUPPOSE THAT WAS PRETTY CARELESS OF ME!
IF ONLY I DIDN'T HAVE TO CONTINUE THIS PRETENSE OF HELPLESSNESS! IF ONLY I COULD BE MYSELF... ALWAYS!
BUT, I CAN'T GO THROUGH LIFE AS A COSTUMED ADVENTURER! THE LAW IS MY FIRST LOVE! I CAN'T THROW ALL THOSE LONG YEARS OF STUDY DOWN THE DRAIN!
AN HOUR LATER, AFTER STOPPING AT A NEARBY TRAVEL AGENCY, MATT MURDOCK REACHES HIS APARTMENT...
IT WAS THE ONLY THING TO DO! AN OCEAN CRUISE TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD WILL HELP ME TO THINK...TO PLAN...TO FORGET!
I'LL SEND MY BAGS AHEAD OF ME TO THE SHIP, AND SPEND THE NEXT FEW HOURS WRAPPING UP MY PERSONAL AFFAIRS!
CUTAWAY VIEW OF MATT'S LOWER FLOOR ...SHOWING HIS WORK-OUT AREA...
THEN, FOR THE FINAL FEW MINUTES, THE HEAVY-HEARTED ATTORNEY STANDS MOTIONLESS... ENVELOPED IN HIS HAUNTING THOUGHTS...
SO MANY MEMORIES TO BE LEAVING BEHIND! SO MANY REMEMBRANCES THAT WILL NEVER DIE...!
BUT THEN, AS HIS HYPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS TOUCH THE FACE OF HIS TICKING WATCH...
I'VE BEEN DAY-DREAMING TOO LONG! THE SHIP LEAVES IN FIVE MINUTES... AND THE PIER IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!
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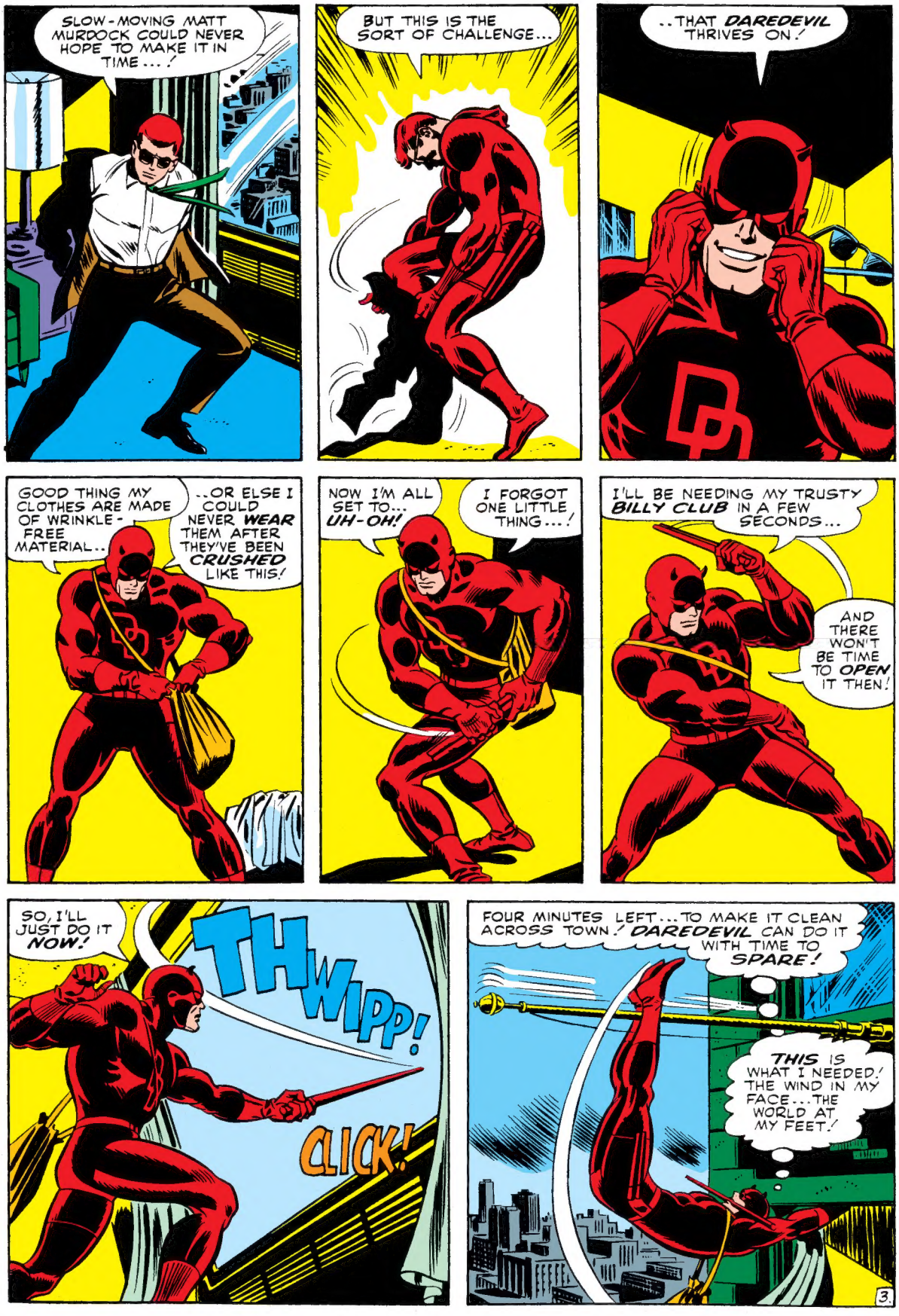
SLOW-MOVING MATT MURDOCK COULD NEVER HOPE TO MAKE IT IN TIME...!
BUT THIS IS THE SORT OF CHALLENGE...
..THAT DAREDEVIL THRIVES ON!
GOOD THING MY CLOTHES ARE MADE OF WRINKLE-FREE MATERIAL..
..OR ELSE I COULD NEVER WEAR THEM AFTER THEY'VE BEEN CRUSHED LIKE THIS!
NOW I'M ALL SET TO... UH-OH!
I FORGOT ONE LITTLE THING...!
I'LL BE NEEDING MY TRUSTY BILLY CLUB IN A FEW SECONDS...
AND THERE WON'T BE TIME TO OPEN IT THEN!
SO, I'LL JUST DO IT NOW!
THWIPP!
CLICK!
FOUR MINUTES LEFT...TO MAKE IT CLEAN ACROSS TOWN! DAREDEVIL CAN DO IT WITH TIME TO SPARE!
THIS IS WHAT I NEEDED! THE WIND IN MY FACE...THE WORLD AT MY FEET!
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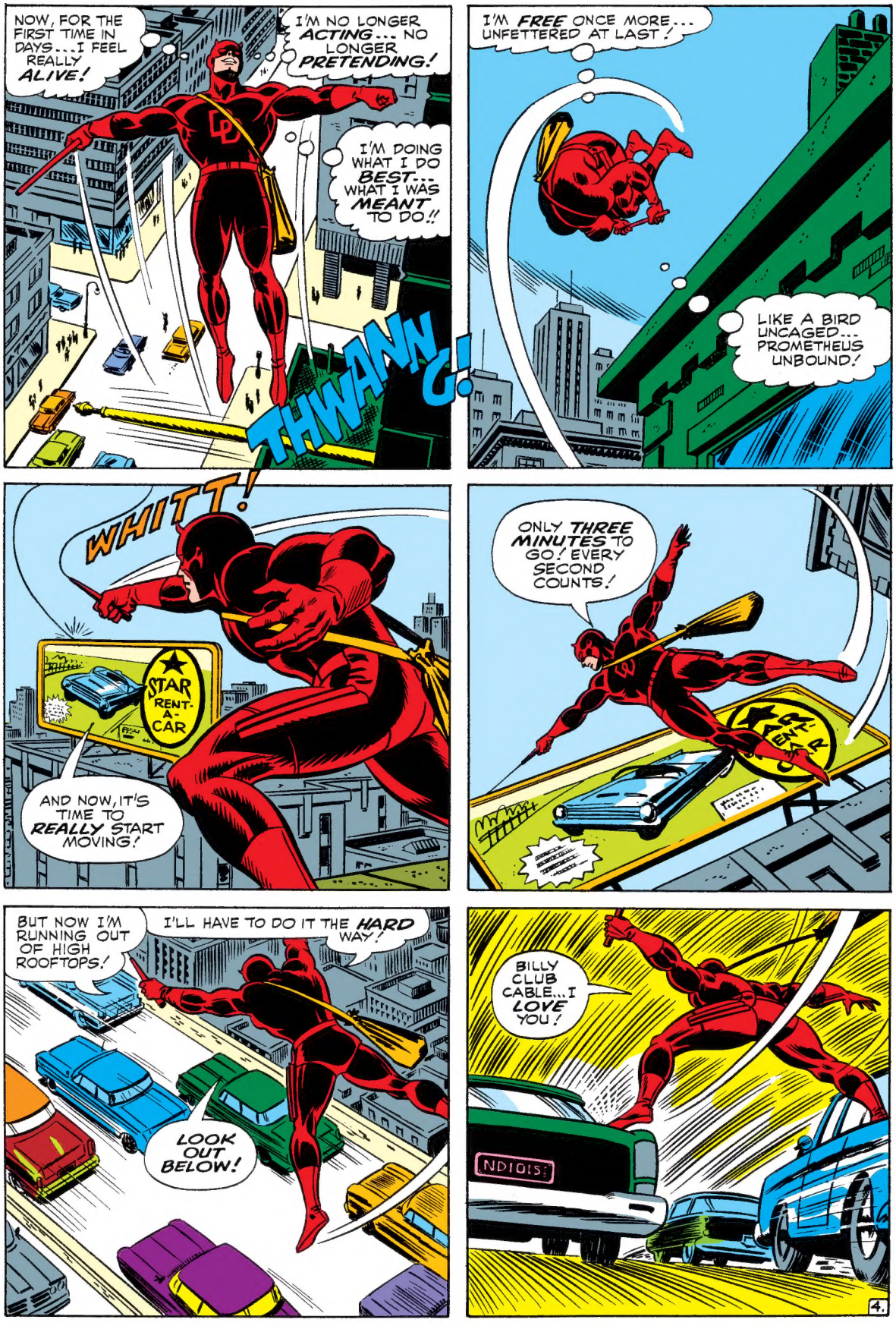
NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DAYS...I FEEL REALLY ALIVE!
I'M NO LONGER ACTING... NO LONGER PRETENDING!
I'M DOING WHAT I DO BEST... WHAT I WAS MEANT TO DO!!
THWANNG!
I'M FREE ONCE MORE... UNFETTERED AT LAST!
LIKE A BIRD UNCAGED... PROMETHEUS UNBOUND!
WHITT!
STAR RENT-A-CAR
AND NOW, IT'S TIME TO REALLY START MOVING!
ONLY THREE MINUTES TO GO! EVERY SECOND COUNTS!
BUT NOW I'M RUNNING OUT OF HIGH ROOFTOPS!
I'LL HAVE TO DO IT THE HARD WAY!
LOOK OUT BELOW!
BILLY CLUB CABLE...I LOVE YOU!
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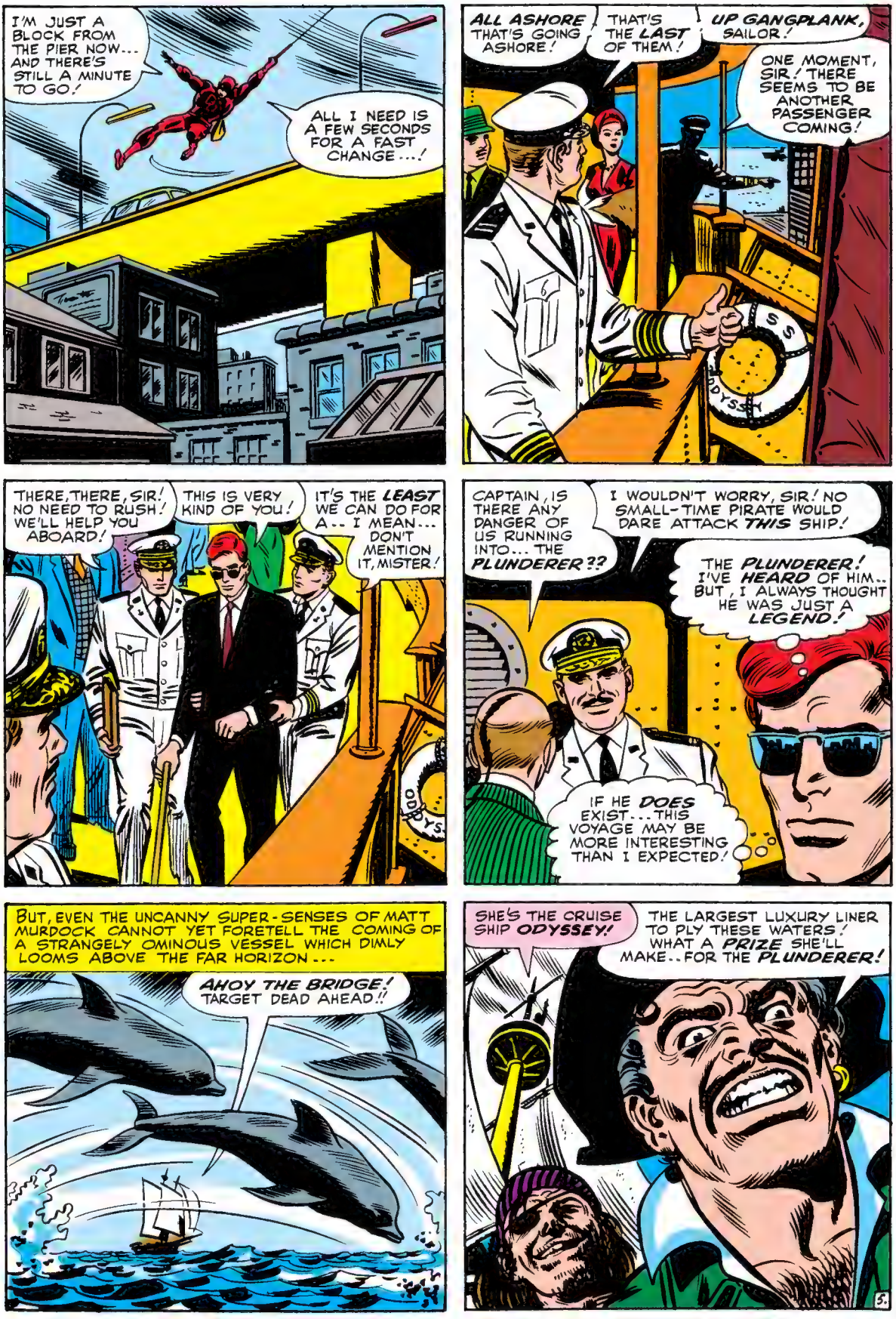
I'M JUST A BLOCK FROM THE PIER NOW... AND THERE'S STILL A MINUTE TO GO!
ALL I NEED IS A FEW SECONDS FOR A FAST CHANGE...!
ALL ASHORE THAT'S GOING ASHORE!
THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM!
UP GANGPLANK, SAILOR!
ONE MOMENT, SIR! THERE SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER PASSENGER COMING!
THERE, THERE, SIR! NO NEED TO RUSH! WE'LL HELP YOU ABOARD!
THIS IS VERY KIND OF YOU!
IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO FOR A-- I MEAN... DON'T MENTION IT, MISTER!
CAPTAIN, IS THERE ANY DANGER OF US RUNNING INTO... THE PLUNDERER??
I WOULDN'T WORRY, SIR! NO SMALL-TIME PIRATE WOULD DARE ATTACK THIS SHIP!
THE PLUNDERER! I'VE HEARD OF HIM.. BUT, I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A LEGEND!
IF HE DOES EXIST...THIS VOYAGE MAY BE MORE INTERESTING THAN I EXPECTED!
BUT, EVEN THE UNCANNY SUPER-SENSES OF MATT MURDOCK CANNOT YET FORETELL THE COMING OF A STRANGELY OMINOUS VESSEL WHICH DIMLY LOOMS ABOVE THE FAR HORIZON---
AHOY THE BRIDGE! TARGET DEAD AHEAD!!
SHE'S THE CRUISE SHIP ODYSSEY!
THE LARGEST LUXURY LINER TO PLY THESE WATERS! WHAT A PRIZE SHE'LL MAKE..FOR THE PLUNDERER!
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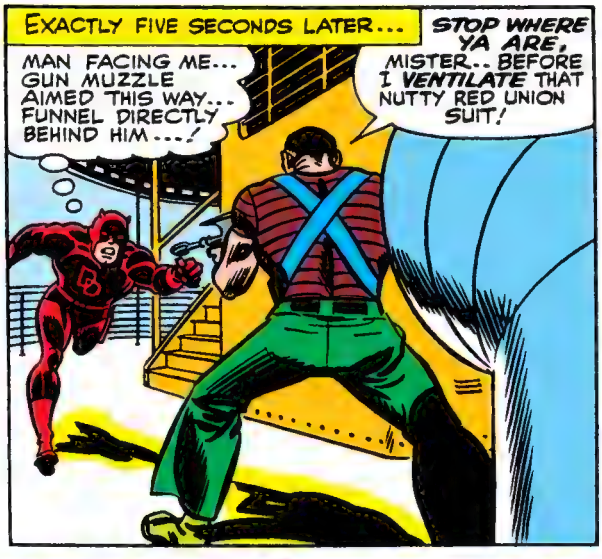
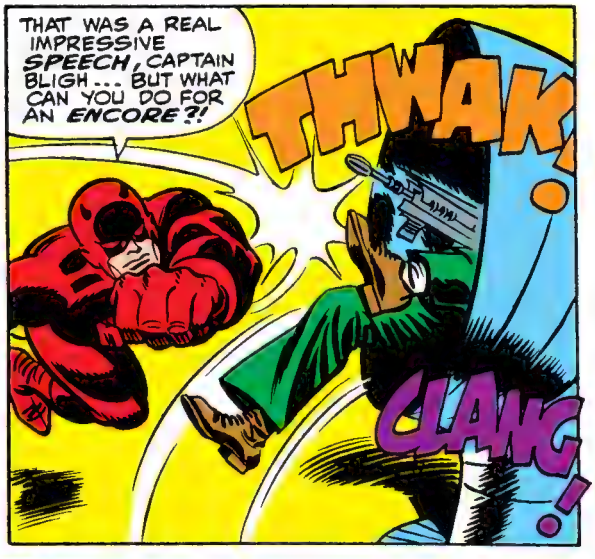
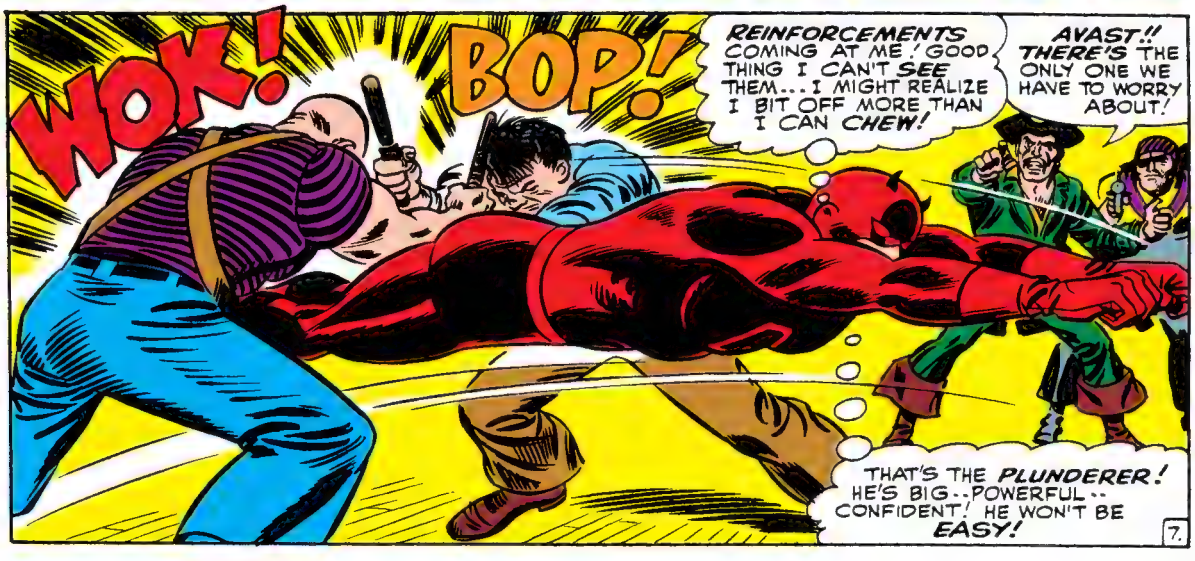
BREAK OUT THE BIG GUN! PUT A SHOT ACROSS HER BOW!
LOOK LIVELY, YOU LUBBERS... OR I'LL SEE THE LOT OF YOU TIED TO THE HIGHEST YARDARM!
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE WE GONNA LET THAT RANTING MADMAN TREAT US THIS WAY??
FOREVER.. CONSIDERING THAT HE CAN OUT-FIGHT ANY DOZEN OF US WITHOUT HALF TRYIN'!
BAR-OOM!
AHOY THE ODYSSEY! PREPARE TO BE BOARDED! DO NOT RESIST... IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES!
IT'S THE PLUNDERER! WE'LL ALL BE KILLED! NOTHING CAN SAVE US!
HE'S COMPLETELY WITHOUT MERCY! HE'S NOT A MAN... HE'S A SAVAGE... A BEAST!
THEN IT'S TRUE! HE DOES EXIST! BUT... TO DARE ATTACK A SHIP LIKE THIS... WHAT SORT OF WEAPONS DOES HE POSSESS... WHAT UNSUSPECTED POWERS??
THE SHIP'S RADIO IS DEAD! WE CAN'T CALL FOR HELP! THE PLUNDERER DID IT! HE MUST BE A MAGICIAN!
ALL HANDS ON DECK! ALL PASSENGERS BELOW! DON'T PANIC! DON'T PANIC! WALK... DO NOT RUN!
BUT, IN ALL THE ALARM... IN ALL THE CONFUSION.. ONLY ONE MAN REMAINS COMPLETELY CALM... HIS BRAIN THINKING, PLANNING, WITH MACHINE-GUN SPEED...
THE PLUNDERER'S SHIP IS A SCHOONER... I CAN HEAR THE WIND IN ITS SAILS... BUT SOMETHING DOESN'T FIT...
I CAN SENSE ITS SPEED... NO WIND-JAMMER CAN SAIL THAT QUICKLY! IT'S KNIFING FORWARD LIKE A DESTROYER! HOW?
GRAPPLING HOOKS! THEY'RE ABOUT TO BOARD US! BUT... HOW CAN THEY EXPECT TO GET AWAY WITH IT??
LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS! EMPTY YOUR POCKETS! PREPARE TO WELCOME CAPTAIN PLUNDER!

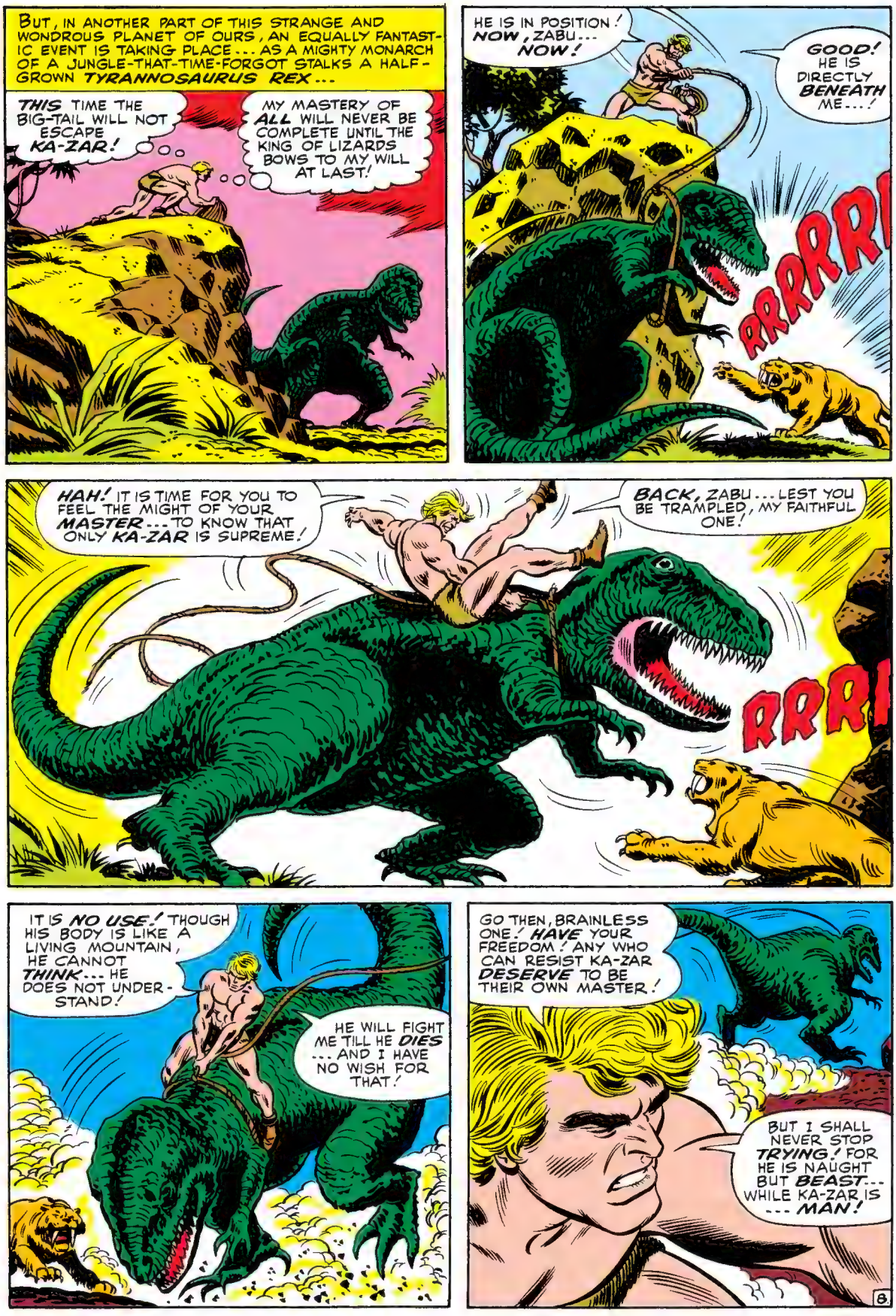
SURPRISED TO SEE BLAST-RAY GUNS RATHER THAN BLUNDER-BUSSES, MY HEARTIES?
OUR PROFESSION MAY BE AN ANCIENT ONE ... BUT REST ASSURED OUR METHODS ARE WORTHY OF THIS ENLIGHTENED ATOMIC AGE!

DOZENS OF MEN... ADVANCED WEAPONS... AND THE LEADERSHIP OF A BOLD, BRILLIANT STRATEGIST!
THE SHIP'S PERSONNEL CAN'T POSSIBLY DEAL WITH A FANTASTIC SITUATION LIKE THIS!
BUT, THERE'S ONE MAN ABOARD WHO CAN!
AND HE'S NOT GONNA WASTE A MINUTE DOING IT..!


EXACTLY FIVE SECONDS LATER...
MAN FACING ME... GUN MUZZLE AIMED THIS WAY... FUNNEL DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM...!
STOP WHERE YA ARE, MISTER.. BEFORE I VENTILATE THAT NUTTY RED UNION SUIT!


THAT WAS A REAL IMPRESSIVE SPEECH, CAPTAIN BLIGH... BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR AN ENCORE?!
THWAK!
CLANG!


WOK!
BOP!
REINFORCEMENTS COMING AT ME! GOOD THING I CAN'T SEE THEM... I MIGHT REALIZE I BIT OFF MORE THAN I CAN CHEW!
AVAST!! THERE'S THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!
THAT'S THE PLUNDERER! HE'S BIG--POWERFUL-- CONFIDENT! HE WON'T BE EASY!


BUT, IN ANOTHER PART OF THIS STRANGE AND WONDROUS PLANET OF OURS, AN EQUALLY FANTASTIC EVENT IS TAKING PLACE... AS A MIGHTY MONARCH OF A JUNGLE-THAT-TIME-FORGOT STALKS A HALF-GROWN TYRANNOSAURUS REX...
THIS TIME THE BIG-TAIL WILL NOT ESCAPE KA-ZAR!
MY MASTERY OF ALL WILL NEVER BE COMPLETE UNTIL THE KING OF LIZARDS BOWS TO MY WILL AT LAST!
HE IS IN POSITION! NOW, ZABU... NOW!
GOOD! HE IS DIRECTLY BENEATH ME...!
RRRRR
HAH! IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO FEEL THE MIGHT OF YOUR MASTER... TO KNOW THAT ONLY KA-ZAR IS SUPREME!
BACK, ZABU... LEST YOU BE TRAMPLED, MY FAITHFUL ONE!
RRR
IT IS NO USE! THOUGH HIS BODY IS LIKE A LIVING MOUNTAIN, HE CANNOT THINK... HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND!
HE WILL FIGHT ME TILL HE DIES ... AND I HAVE NO WISH FOR THAT!
GO THEN, BRAINLESS ONE! HAVE YOUR FREEDOM! ANY WHO CAN RESIST KA-ZAR DESERVE TO BE THEIR OWN MASTER!
BUT I SHALL NEVER STOP TRYING! FOR HE IS NAUGHT BUT BEAST... WHILE KA-ZAR IS ... MAN!
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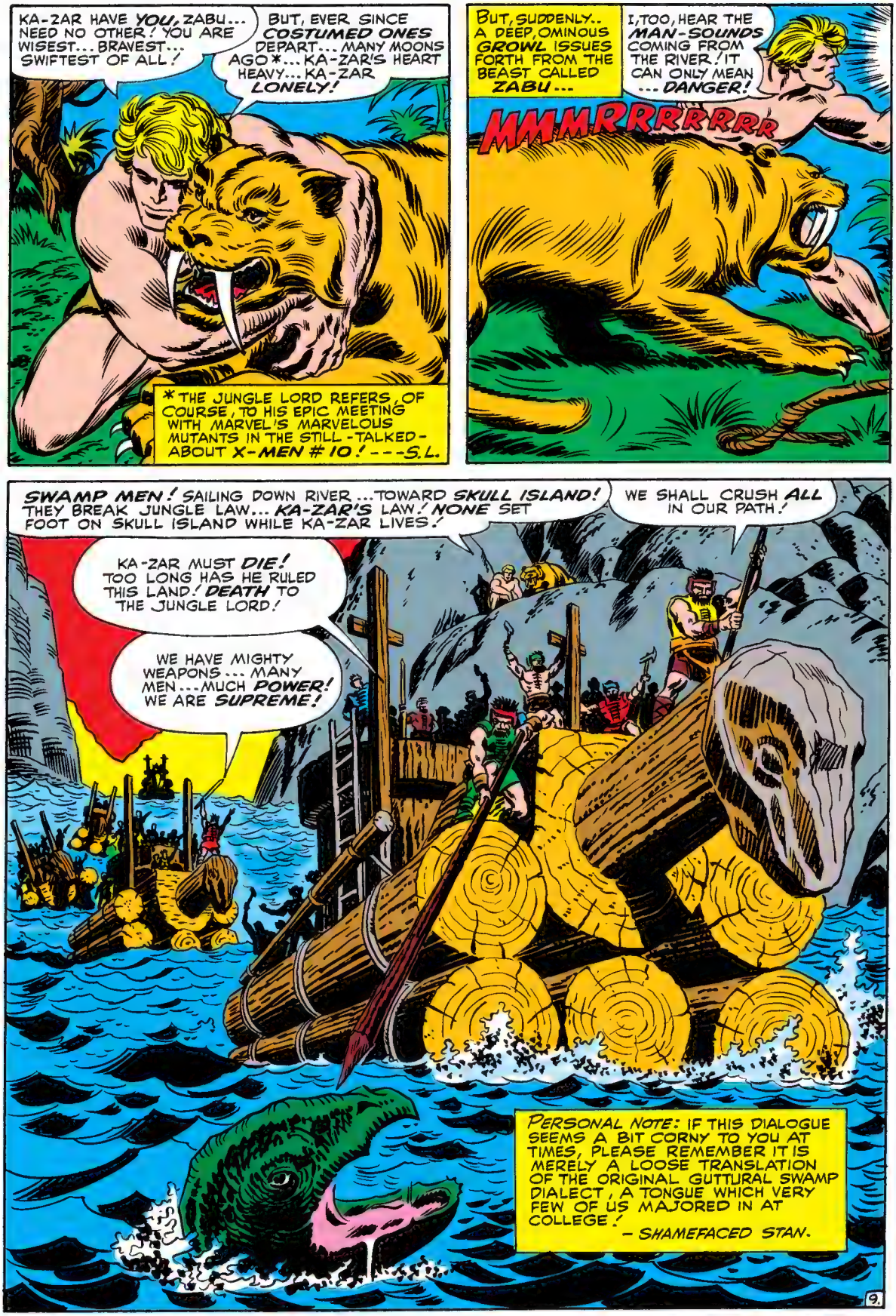
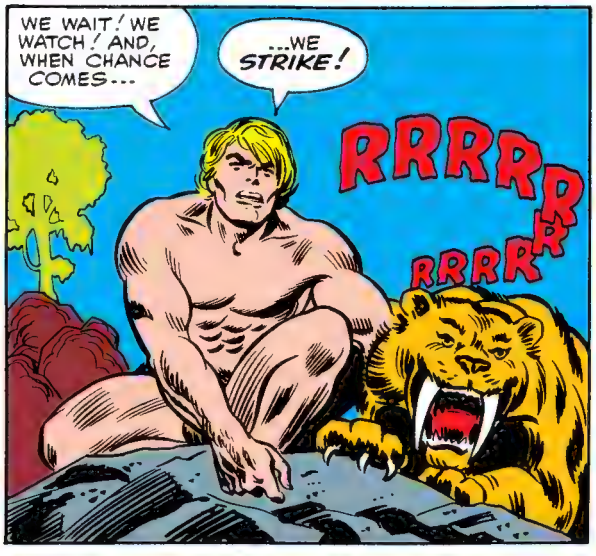
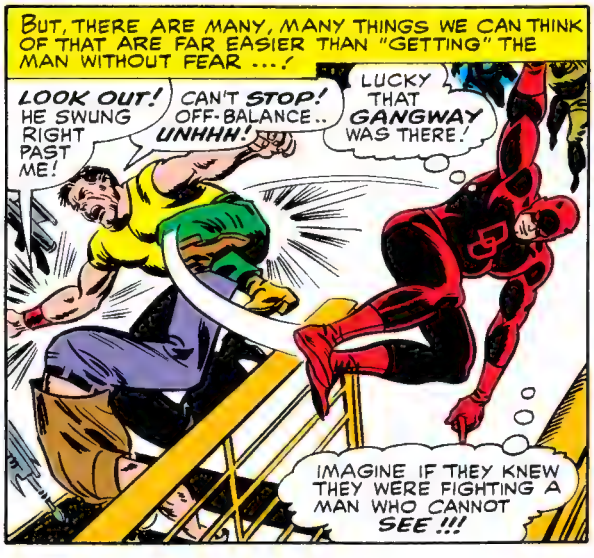

KA-ZAR HAVE YOU, ZABU... NEED NO OTHER! YOU ARE WISEST... BRAVEST... SWIFTEST OF ALL!
BUT, EVER SINCE COSTUMED ONES DEPART... MANY MOONS AGO*... KA-ZAR'S HEART HEAVY... KA-ZAR LONELY!
* THE JUNGLE LORD REFERS, OF COURSE, TO HIS EPIC MEETING WITH MARVEL'S MARVELOUS MUTANTS IN THE STILL-TALKED-ABOUT X-MEN #10! ---S.L.
BUT, SUDDENLY.. A DEEP, OMINOUS GROWL ISSUES FORTH FROM THE BEAST CALLED ZABU ---
I, TOO, HEAR THE MAN-SOUNDS COMING FROM THE RIVER! IT CAN ONLY MEAN --- DANGER!
MMMRRRRRRRR
SWAMP MEN! SAILING DOWN RIVER ...TOWARD SKULL ISLAND! THEY BREAK JUNGLE LAW... KA-ZAR'S LAW! NONE SET FOOT ON SKULL ISLAND WHILE KA-ZAR LIVES!
WE SHALL CRUSH ALL IN OUR PATH!
KA-ZAR MUST DIE! TOO LONG HAS HE RULED THIS LAND! DEATH TO THE JUNGLE LORD!
WE HAVE MIGHTY WEAPONS ... MANY MEN ... MUCH POWER! WE ARE SUPREME!
PERSONAL NOTE: IF THIS DIALOGUE SEEMS A BIT CORNY TO YOU AT TIMES, PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS MERELY A LOOSE TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINAL GUTTURAL SWAMP DIALECT, A TONGUE WHICH VERY FEW OF US MAJORED IN AT COLLEGE! - SHAMEFACED STAN.
9.

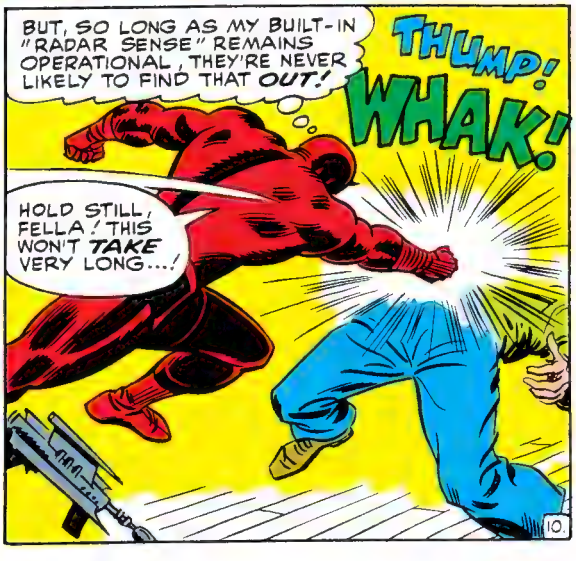
AFTER ME, ZABU! WE MUST FOLLOW EVIL ONES WHO DARE BREAK KA-ZAR'S LAW!
EEEEAAHH!

BUT, BEFORE THE UNTAMED MAN AND HIS SAVAGE ALLY CAN REACH THE ISLE...
THEY ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING!
IT IS KA-ZAR THEY SEEK TO DESTROY..KA-ZAR, WHO HAS EVER BEEN THEIR MASTER!


WE WAIT! WE WATCH! AND, WHEN CHANCE COMES...
...WE STRIKE!
RRRRR
RRRR

THUS, THE WEAVING WEB OF FATE DRAWS EVER CLOSER AS WE RETURN TO THE BELEAGUERED CRUISE SHIP, HALF A WORLD AWAY...
THE PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE HOPELESSLY OUTMATCHED BY PLUNDER AND HIS MEN!
SO, IF ANYONE CAN STOP THEM, IT'LL HAVE TO BE... DAREDEVIL!
HE'S ONLY ONE MAN! GET HIM, YOU LUBBERS!

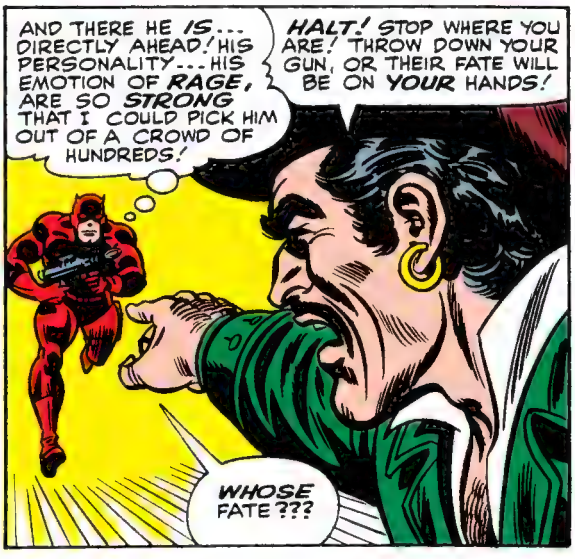

BUT, THERE ARE MANY, MANY THINGS WE CAN THINK OF THAT ARE FAR EASIER THAN "GETTING" THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR ...!
LOOK OUT! HE SWUNG RIGHT PAST ME!
CAN'T STOP! OFF-BALANCE.. UNHHH!
LUCKY THAT GANGWAY WAS THERE!
IMAGINE IF THEY KNEW THEY WERE FIGHTING A MAN WHO CANNOT SEE!!!

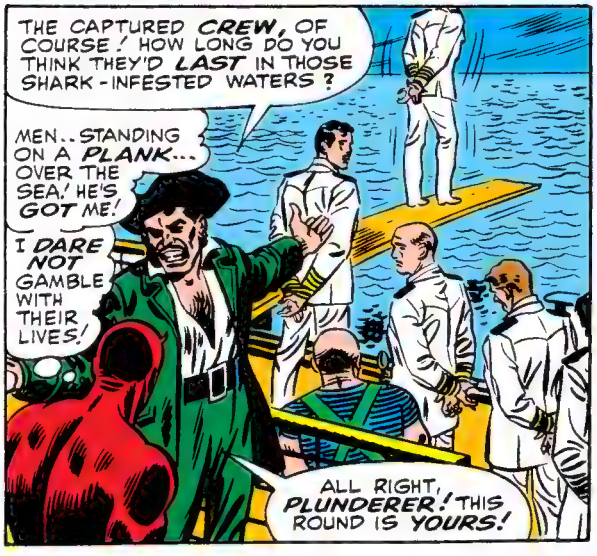

BUT, SO LONG AS MY BUILT-IN "RADAR SENSE" REMAINS OPERATIONAL, THEY'RE NEVER LIKELY TO FIND THAT OUT!
THUMP!
WHAK!
HOLD STILL, FELLA! THIS WON'T TAKE VERY LONG...!

THERE'S A WHOLE MESS OF THEM COMING TOWARD ME... THIS BLAST-GUN THAT SLEEPING SAM DROPPED IS JUST WHAT I NEED...!
WE'LL TACKLE HIM ALL AT ONCE!
HE'S TRAPPED NOW!
KLAK!

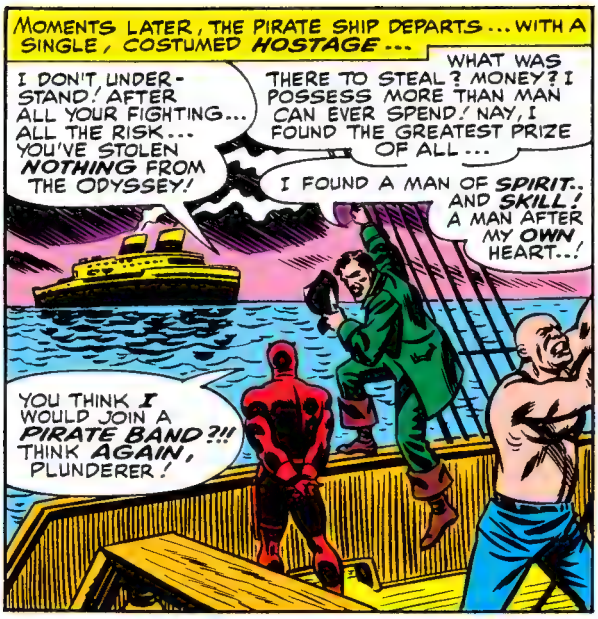
THAT BOAT UP THERE IS DESIGNED TO SAVE LIVES, RIGHT?
LOOK OUT... ABOVE YOU!
THA-KOW!
WELL, I'LL PUT IT TO THAT USE RIGHT NOW! IT'S GONNA SAVE MINE!

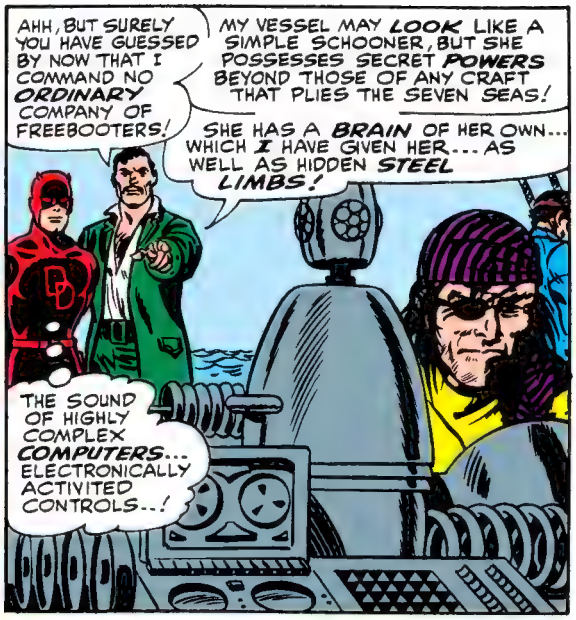
WHUMMP!
SO FAR, SO GOOD! BUT, MY LUCK WON'T LAST FOREVER! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO REALLY WRAP THIS UP...!
I'VE GOT TO TRAP THE PLUNDERER, HIMSELF!


AND THERE HE IS... DIRECTLY AHEAD! HIS PERSONALITY... HIS EMOTION OF RAGE, ARE SO STRONG THAT I COULD PICK HIM OUT OF A CROWD OF HUNDREDS!
HALT! STOP WHERE YOU ARE! THROW DOWN YOUR GUN, OR THEIR FATE WILL BE ON YOUR HANDS!
WHOSE FATE???

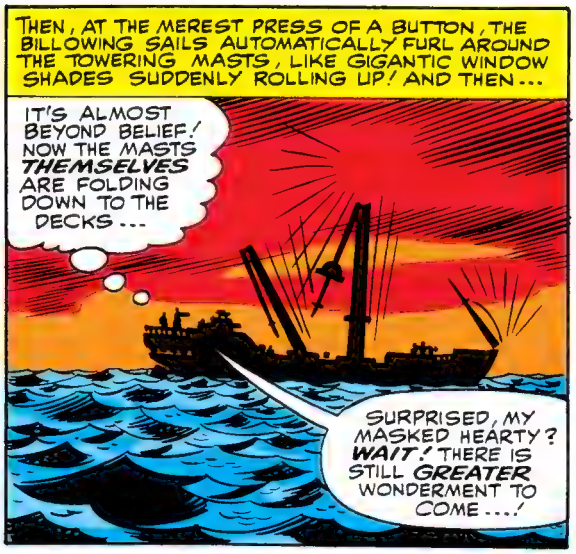

THE CAPTURED CREW, OF COURSE! HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THEY'D LAST IN THOSE SHARK-INFESTED WATERS?
MEN.. STANDING ON A PLANK... OVER THE SEA! HE'S GOT ME!
I DARE NOT GAMBLE WITH THEIR LIVES!
ALL RIGHT, PLUNDERER! THIS ROUND IS YOURS!

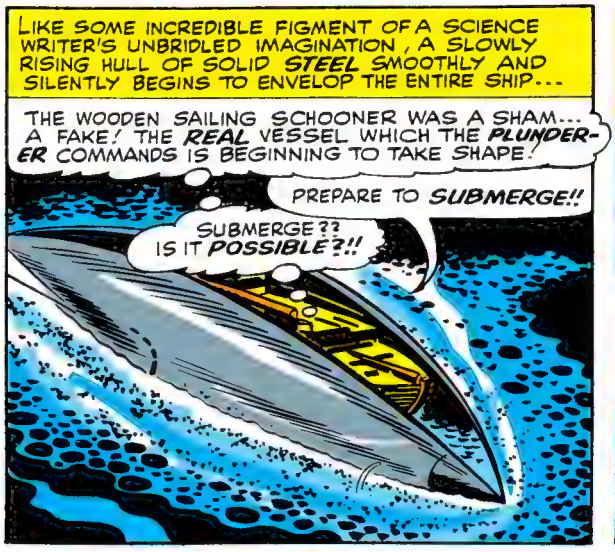
CAN'T WE JUST PUSH ONE OF 'EM OVER THE SIDE, CAP'N?
SILENCE, YOU SCURVY TOAD! I HAVE GIVEN MY WORD!
STRANGE.. HE'S A RUTHLESS FREEBOOTER, AND YET... HE'S PROUD.. EVEN HONORABLE... IN HIS OWN WAY!

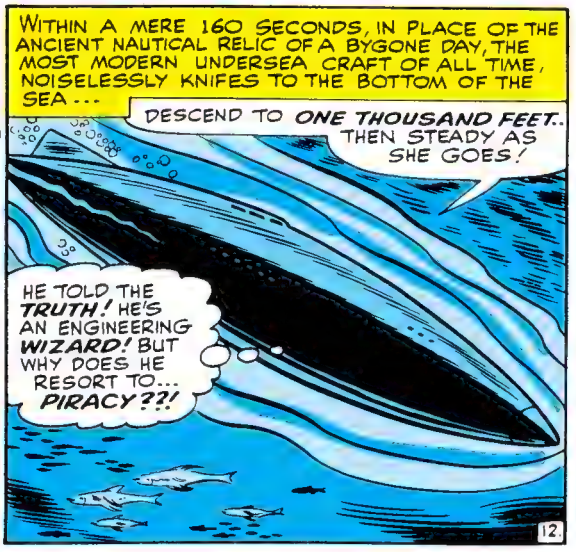

MOMENTS LATER, THE PIRATE SHIP DEPARTS ... WITH A SINGLE, COSTUMED HOSTAGE ...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! AFTER ALL YOUR FIGHTING... ALL THE RISK... YOU'VE STOLEN NOTHING FROM THE ODYSSEY!
WHAT WAS THERE TO STEAL? MONEY? I POSSESS MORE THAN MAN CAN EVER SPEND! NAY, I FOUND THE GREATEST PRIZE OF ALL ...
I FOUND A MAN OF SPIRIT.. AND SKILL! A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART..!
YOU THINK I WOULD JOIN A PIRATE BAND?!! THINK AGAIN, PLUNDERER!

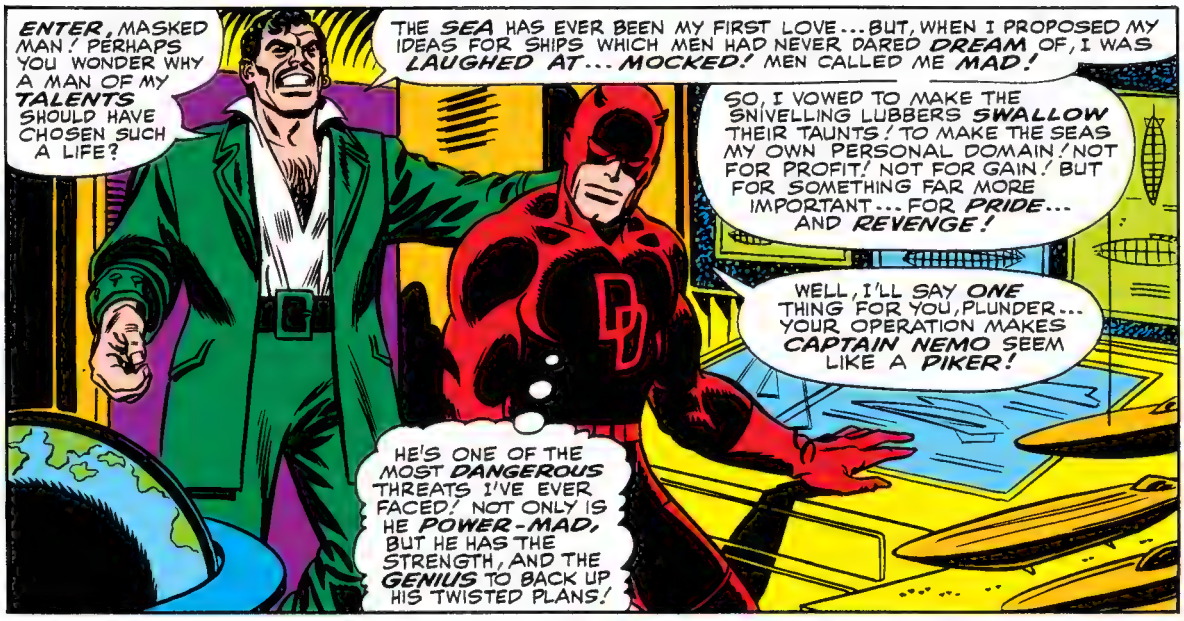

AHH, BUT SURELY YOU HAVE GUESSED BY NOW THAT I COMMAND NO ORDINARY COMPANY OF FREEBOOTERS!
MY VESSEL MAY LOOK LIKE A SIMPLE SCHOONER, BUT SHE POSSESSES SECRET POWERS BEYOND THOSE OF ANY CRAFT THAT PLIES THE SEVEN SEAS!
SHE HAS A BRAIN OF HER OWN... WHICH I HAVE GIVEN HER... AS WELL AS HIDDEN STEEL LIMBS!
THE SOUND OF HIGHLY COMPLEX COMPUTERS... ELECTRONICALLY ACTIVITED CONTROLS..!

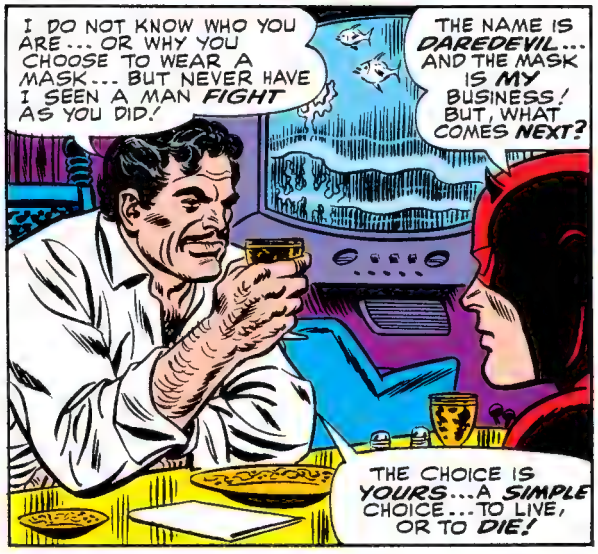
I AM NO SIMPLE, MEALY-MOUTHED PIRATE! I WAS BORN LORD PARNIVAL PLUNDER, A NOBLEMAN WITH RANK, AND TITLE, AND LANDED ESTATES!
BUT THE CALL OF THE SEA WAS IN MY BLOOD, AS WAS THE ENGINEERING GENIUS I INHERITED FROM MY FATHER BEFORE ME!
AND NOW, YOU SHALL SEE STAGGERING EVIDENCE OF THAT GENIUS ...!
ACTIVATE THE STEEL STRESS HULL, YOU BUMBLING BILGE-RAT!
AYE AYE, CAP'N!
BZZZZ

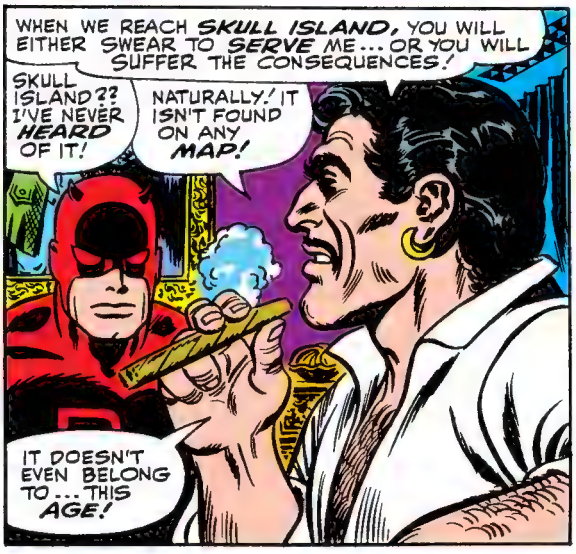

THEN, AT THE MEREST PRESS OF A BUTTON, THE BILLOWING SAILS AUTOMATICALLY FURL AROUND THE TOWERING MASTS, LIKE GIGANTIC WINDOW SHADES SUDDENLY ROLLING UP! AND THEN...
IT'S ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF! NOW THE MASTS THEMSELVES ARE FOLDING DOWN TO THE DECKS ...
SURPRISED, MY MASKED HEARTY? WAIT! THERE IS STILL GREATER WONDERMENT TO COME ...!

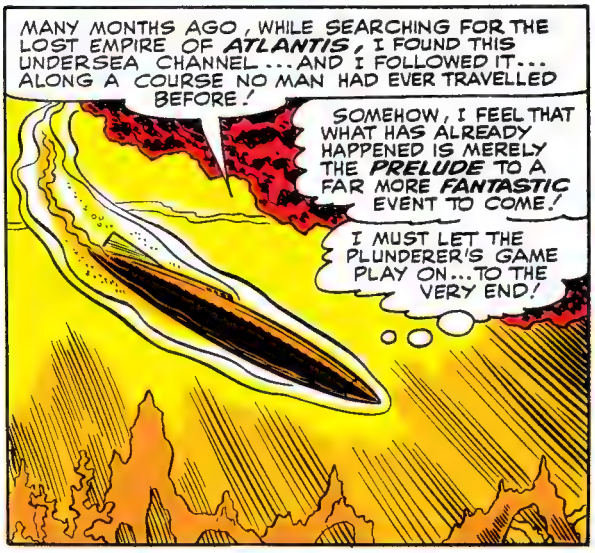

LIKE SOME INCREDIBLE FIGMENT OF A SCIENCE WRITER'S UNBRIDLED IMAGINATION, A SLOWLY RISING HULL OF SOLID STEEL SMOOTHLY AND SILENTLY BEGINS TO ENVELOP THE ENTIRE SHIP...
THE WOODEN SAILING SCHOONER WAS A SHAM... A FAKE! THE REAL VESSEL WHICH THE PLUNDERER COMMANDS IS BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE!
PREPARE TO SUBMERGE!!
SUBMERGE?? IS IT POSSIBLE?!!

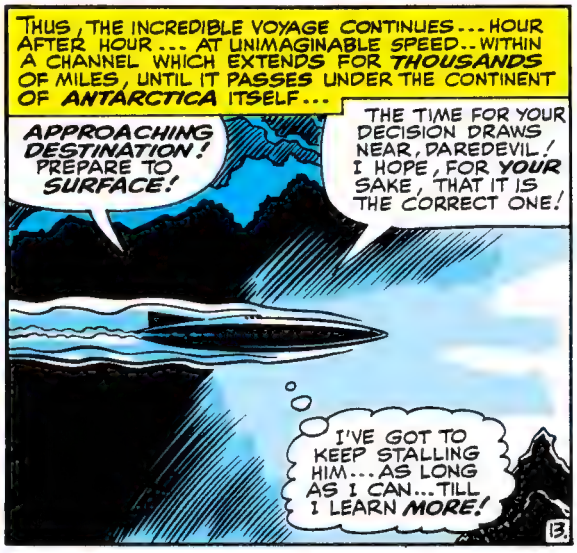

WITHIN A MERE 160 SECONDS, IN PLACE OF THE ANCIENT NAUTICAL RELIC OF A BYGONE DAY, THE MOST MODERN UNDERSEA CRAFT OF ALL TIME, NOISELESSLY KNIFES TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA ...
DESCEND TO ONE THOUSAND FEET.. THEN STEADY AS SHE GOES!
HE TOLD THE TRUTH! HE'S AN ENGINEERING WIZARD! BUT WHY DOES HE RESORT TO... PIRACY??!


ENTER, MASKED MAN! PERHAPS YOU WONDER WHY A MAN OF MY TALENTS SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN SUCH A LIFE?
THE SEA HAS EVER BEEN MY FIRST LOVE... BUT, WHEN I PROPOSED MY IDEAS FOR SHIPS WHICH MEN HAD NEVER DARED DREAM OF, I WAS LAUGHED AT... MOCKED! MEN CALLED ME MAD!
SO, I VOWED TO MAKE THE SNIVELLING LUBBERS SWALLOW THEIR TAUNTS! TO MAKE THE SEAS MY OWN PERSONAL DOMAIN! NOT FOR PROFIT! NOT FOR GAIN! BUT FOR SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT... FOR PRIDE... AND REVENGE!
WELL, I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR YOU, PLUNDER... YOUR OPERATION MAKES CAPTAIN NEMO SEEM LIKE A PIKER!
HE'S ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS THREATS I'VE EVER FACED! NOT ONLY IS HE POWER-MAD, BUT HE HAS THE STRENGTH, AND THE GENIUS TO BACK UP HIS TWISTED PLANS!


I DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE... OR WHY YOU CHOOSE TO WEAR A MASK... BUT NEVER HAVE I SEEN A MAN FIGHT AS YOU DID!
THE NAME IS DAREDEVIL... AND THE MASK IS MY BUSINESS! BUT, WHAT COMES NEXT?
THE CHOICE IS YOURS... A SIMPLE CHOICE... TO LIVE, OR TO DIE!


WHEN WE REACH SKULL ISLAND, YOU WILL EITHER SWEAR TO SERVE ME... OR YOU WILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!
SKULL ISLAND?? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT!
NATURALLY! IT ISN'T FOUND ON ANY MAP!
IT DOESN'T EVEN BELONG TO... THIS AGE!


MANY MONTHS AGO, WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE LOST EMPIRE OF ATLANTIS, I FOUND THIS UNDERSEA CHANNEL... AND I FOLLOWED IT... ALONG A COURSE NO MAN HAD EVER TRAVELLED BEFORE!
SOMEHOW, I FEEL THAT WHAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED IS MERELY THE PRELUDE TO A FAR MORE FANTASTIC EVENT TO COME!
I MUST LET THE PLUNDERER'S GAME PLAY ON... TO THE VERY END!


THUS, THE INCREDIBLE VOYAGE CONTINUES... HOUR AFTER HOUR... AT UNIMAGINABLE SPEED.. WITHIN A CHANNEL WHICH EXTENDS FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES, UNTIL IT PASSES UNDER THE CONTINENT OF ANTARCTICA ITSELF...
APPROACHING DESTINATION! PREPARE TO SURFACE!
THE TIME FOR YOUR DECISION DRAWS NEAR, DAREDEVIL! I HOPE, FOR YOUR SAKE, THAT IT IS THE CORRECT ONE!
I'VE GOT TO KEEP STALLING HIM... AS LONG AS I CAN... TILL I LEARN MORE!

BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE AMAZING CRAFT EMERGE, THAN ALL THOUGHT OF DAREDEVIL'S CHOICE IS SWEPT FROM THE PLUNDERER'S MIND BY...
SKULL ISLAND IS IN FLAMES! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED! IT'S BEEN ATTACKED!
I SENSE VEGETATION... SUCH AS EARTH HAS NEVER KNOWN FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS! AS THOUGH I'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO THE DAWN OF TIME!
IT'S THE SCURVY SWAMP MEN! THEY DID IT! THOSE BRAINLESS SAVAGES DARED TO ATTACK MY REALM!
MAKE FOR THE ISLAND! FULL SPEED AHEAD! THEY'LL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO CHALLENGE THE POWER OF CAPTAIN PLUNDER!
SKULL ISLAND! SWAMP MEN!! THE SOUNDS AND SMELLS OF A PRE-HISTORIC AGE!! WHAT UNBELIEVABLE MYSTERY HAVE I STUMBLED ONTO ??
OTHERS COME...IN STRANGE BOAT! IF THEY SEEK SWAMP MEN, THEY ARE TOO LATE! NO LONGER ON ISLAND!
SWAMP MEN RETURN TO VILLAGE ON MAINLAND! KA-ZAR ABOUT TO ATTACK--- BUT, NOW, KA-ZAR WAIT--- WATCH STRANGERS! STRANGERS MAY BE GREATER DANGER!
MAKE NO SOUND, ZABU! WE MUST BE SILENT AS THE WIND ...UNTIL WE STRIKE!
IN A WAY, WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED HERE IS LUCKY FOR ME! IN HIS EXCITEMENT, PLUNDER'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY DECISION!
GET THOSE SUPPLIES ASHORE! MOVE, YOU LAZY LUBBERS!
WE'LL TRACK THOSE SAVAGES DOWN NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE ... AND WE'LL WIPE THEM OFF THE MAP!
BUT, NO SOONER ARE THE BUCCANEERS ALL ASHORE, AND ASSEMBLED IN ONE AREA, WHEN...
GRROWRR!
A TIGER!!
MORE THAN A TIGER! ITS SIZE...ITS SPEED.. IT'S A GIANT!
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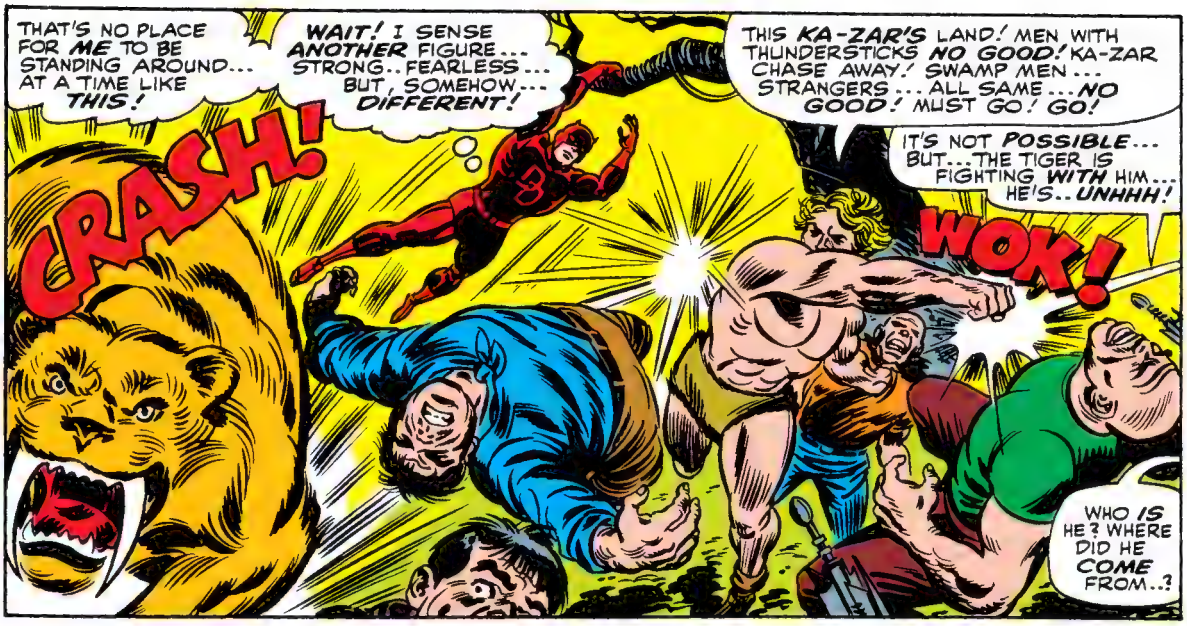
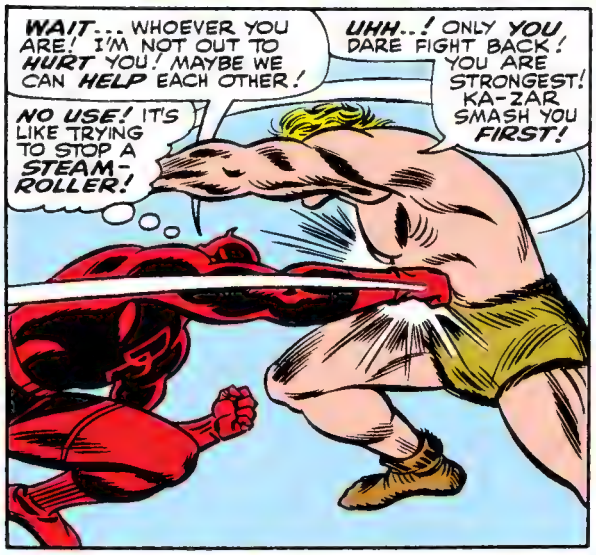
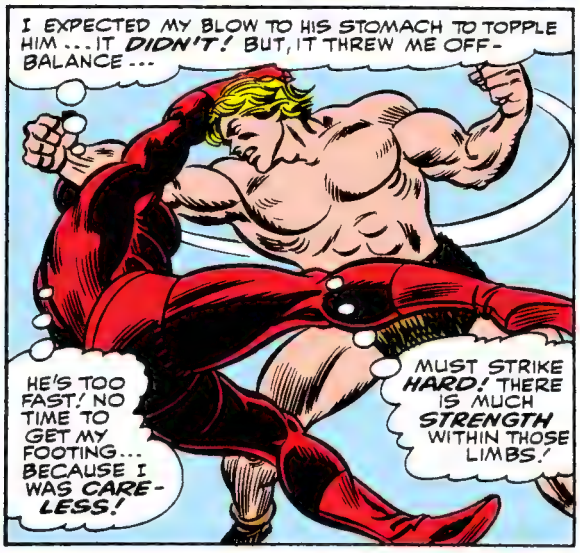
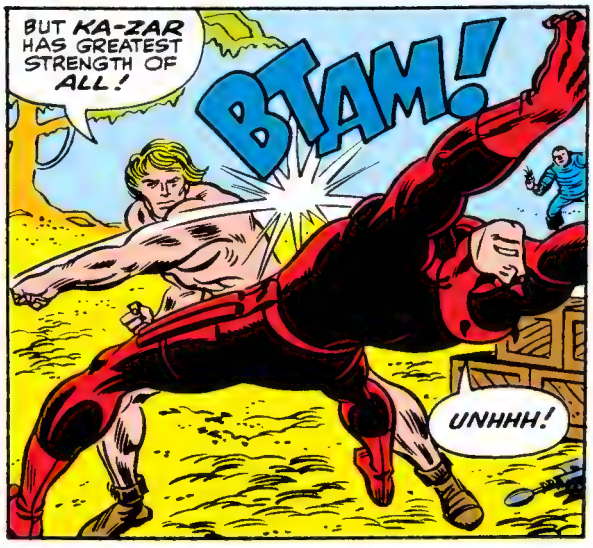
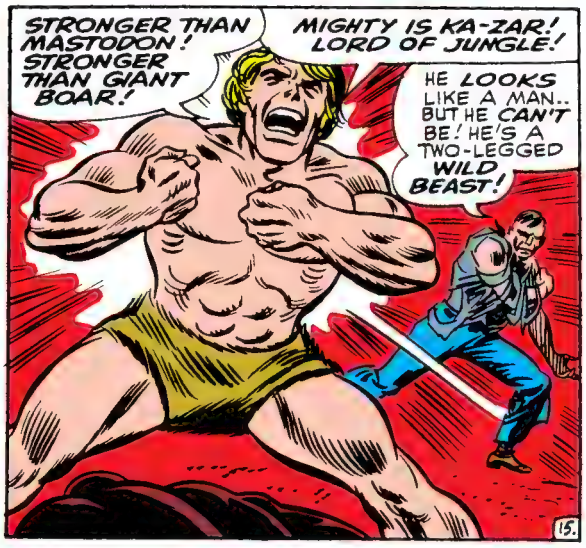
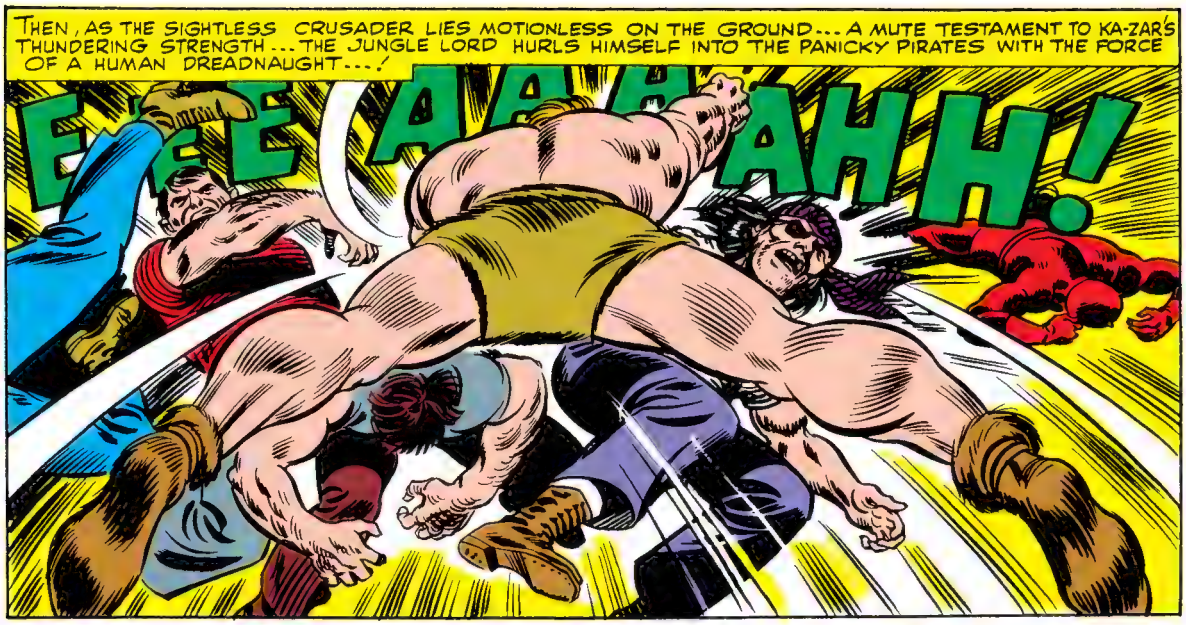

THAT'S NO PLACE FOR ME TO BE STANDING AROUND... AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
WAIT! I SENSE ANOTHER FIGURE... STRONG.. FEARLESS... BUT, SOMEHOW... DIFFERENT!
CRASH!
THIS KA-ZAR'S LAND! MEN WITH THUNDERSTICKS NO GOOD! KA-ZAR CHASE AWAY! SWAMP MEN... STRANGERS... ALL SAME... NO GOOD! MUST GO! GO!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE... BUT... THE TIGER IS FIGHTING WITH HIM... HE'S.. UNHHH!
WOK!
WHO IS HE? WHERE DID HE COME FROM..?


WAIT... WHOEVER YOU ARE! I'M NOT OUT TO HURT YOU! MAYBE WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER!
UHH..! ONLY YOU DARE FIGHT BACK! YOU ARE STRONGEST! KA-ZAR SMASH YOU FIRST!
NO USE! IT'S LIKE TRYING TO STOP A STEAM-ROLLER!


I EXPECTED MY BLOW TO HIS STOMACH TO TOPPLE HIM ... IT DIDN'T! BUT, IT THREW ME OFF-BALANCE ...
HE'S TOO FAST! NO TIME TO GET MY FOOTING... BECAUSE I WAS CARE-LESS!
MUST STRIKE HARD! THERE IS MUCH STRENGTH WITHIN THOSE LIMBS!

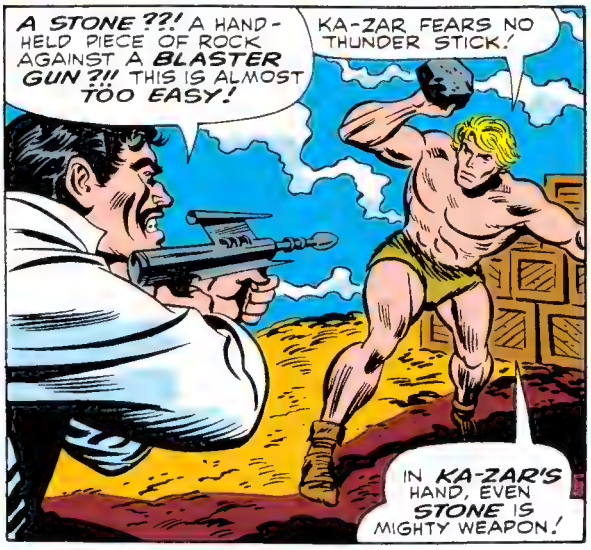

BUT KA-ZAR HAS GREATEST STRENGTH OF ALL!
BTAM!
UNHHH!

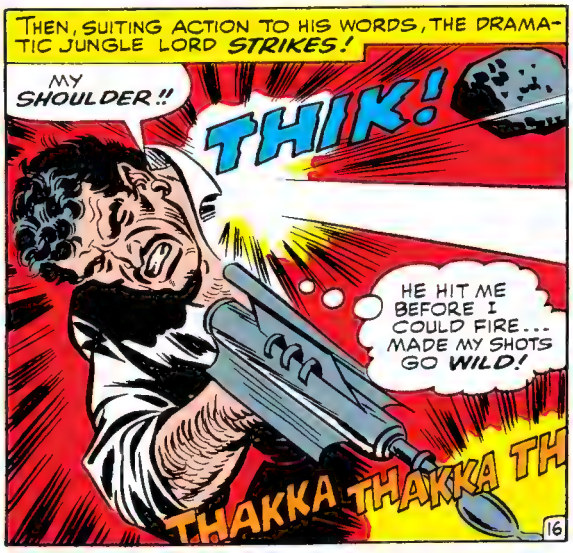

STRONGER THAN MASTODON! STRONGER THAN GIANT BOAR!
MIGHTY IS KA-ZAR! LORD OF JUNGLE!
HE LOOKS LIKE A MAN.. BUT HE CAN'T BE! HE'S A TWO-LEGGED WILD BEAST!


THEN, AS THE SIGHTLESS CRUSADER LIES MOTIONLESS ON THE GROUND... A MUTE TESTAMENT TO KA-ZAR'S THUNDERING STRENGTH... THE JUNGLE LORD HURLS HIMSELF INTO THE PANICKY PIRATES WITH THE FORCE OF A HUMAN DREADNAUGHT...!
AAH
AHH!

AND, ANY HAPLESS BUCCANEERS WHOM KA-ZAR MISSES ARE FORCED TO FACE THE ROARING RAGE OF ZABU!!
GRROWR
RRR
RUN! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
RATHER THE WRATH OF THE PLUNDERER THAN THE FANGS OF ZABU!

BACK, YOU SPINELESS SEA-DOGS! STAND YOUR GROUND, OR YOU'LL ANSWER TO ME!
LOOK AT THEM RUN... LIKE WHIPPED CURS! WELL, I'LL STOP THAT BRAINLESS SAVAGE!
NO ONE CAN OUT-FIGHT CAPTAIN PLUNDER!


A STONE??! A HAND-HELD PIECE OF ROCK AGAINST A BLASTER GUN?!! THIS IS ALMOST TOO EASY!
KA-ZAR FEARS NO THUNDER STICK!
IN KA-ZAR'S HAND, EVEN STONE IS MIGHTY WEAPON!


THEN, SUITING ACTION TO HIS WORDS, THE DRAMATIC JUNGLE LORD STRIKES!
MY SHOULDER!!
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HE HIT ME BEFORE I COULD FIRE... MADE MY SHOTS GO WILD!
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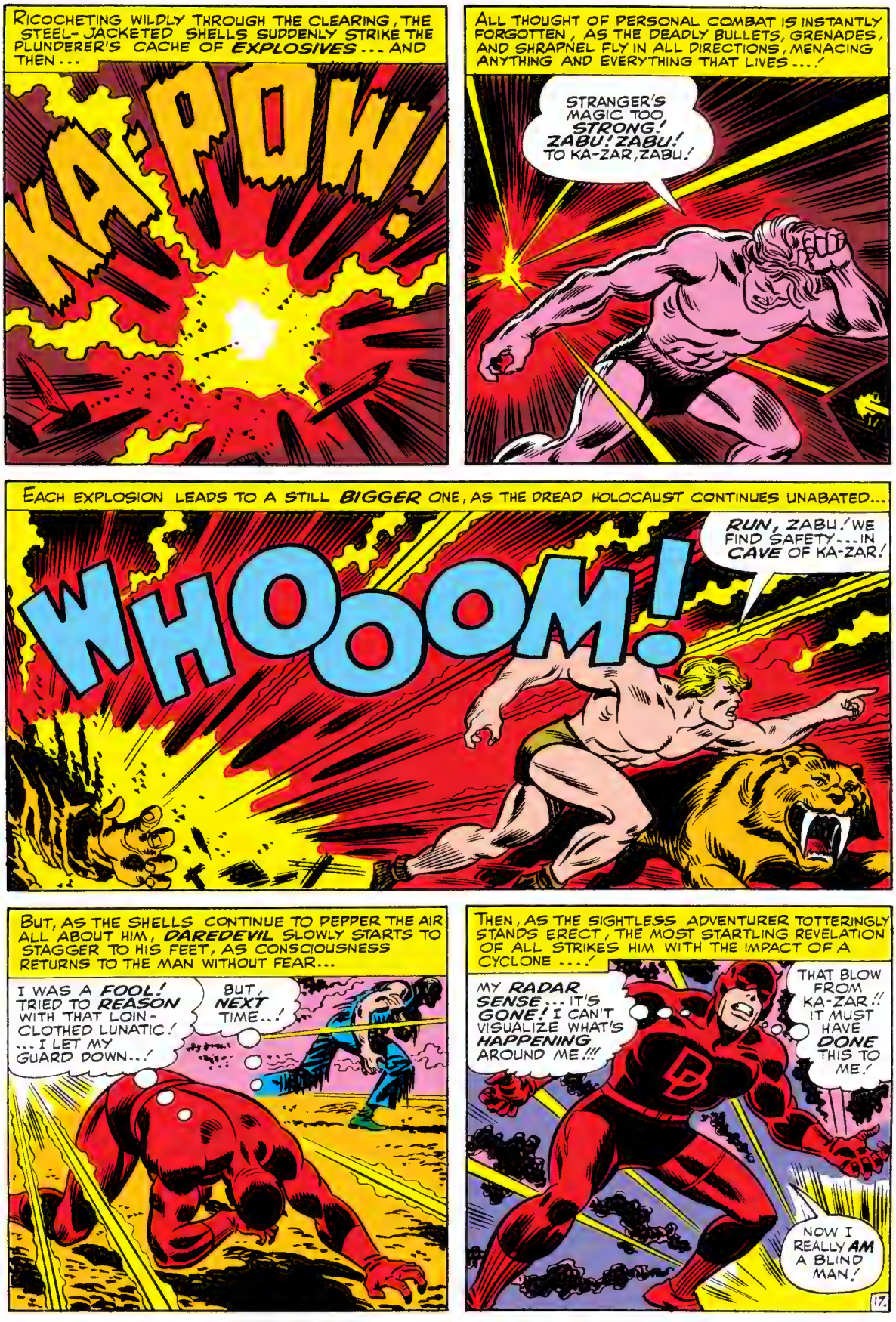
RICOCHETING WILDLY THROUGH THE CLEARING, THE STEEL-JACKETED SHELLS SUDDENLY STRIKE THE PLUNDERER'S CACHE OF EXPLOSIVES ... AND THEN ...
KA-POW!
ALL THOUGHT OF PERSONAL COMBAT IS INSTANTLY FORGOTTEN, AS THE DEADLY BULLETS, GRENADES, AND SHRAPNEL FLY IN ALL DIRECTIONS, MENACING ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT LIVES ...!
STRANGER'S MAGIC TOO STRONG! ZABU! ZABU! TO KA-ZAR, ZABU!
EACH EXPLOSION LEADS TO A STILL BIGGER ONE, AS THE DREAD HOLOCAUST CONTINUES UNABATED...
WHOOOM!
RUN, ZABU! WE FIND SAFETY ... IN CAVE OF KA-ZAR!
BUT, AS THE SHELLS CONTINUE TO PEPPER THE AIR ALL ABOUT HIM, DAREDEVIL SLOWLY STARTS TO STAGGER TO HIS FEET, AS CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS TO THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR...
I WAS A FOOL! TRIED TO REASON WITH THAT LOIN-CLOTHED LUNATIC! ... I LET MY GUARD DOWN...!
BUT, NEXT TIME..!
THEN, AS THE SIGHTLESS ADVENTURER TOTTERINGLY STANDS ERECT, THE MOST STARTLING REVELATION OF ALL STRIKES HIM WITH THE IMPACT OF A CYCLONE ...!
MY RADAR SENSE ... IT'S GONE! I CAN'T VISUALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND ME!!!
THAT BLOW FROM KA-ZAR!! IT MUST HAVE DONE THIS TO ME!
NOW I REALLY AM A BLIND MAN!
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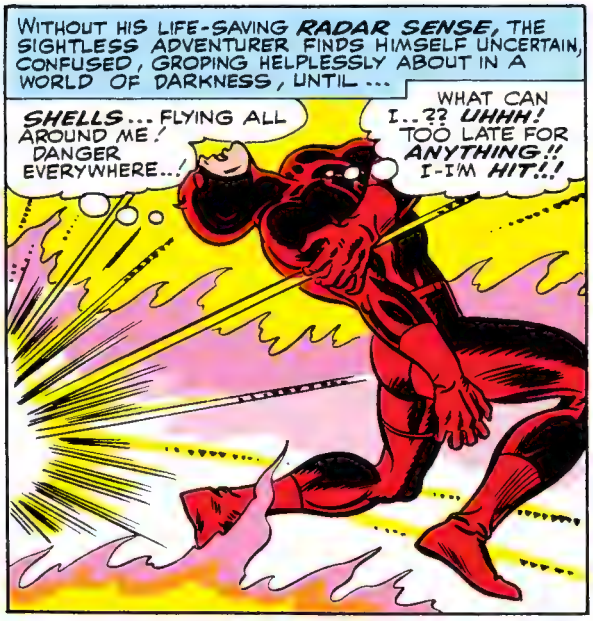
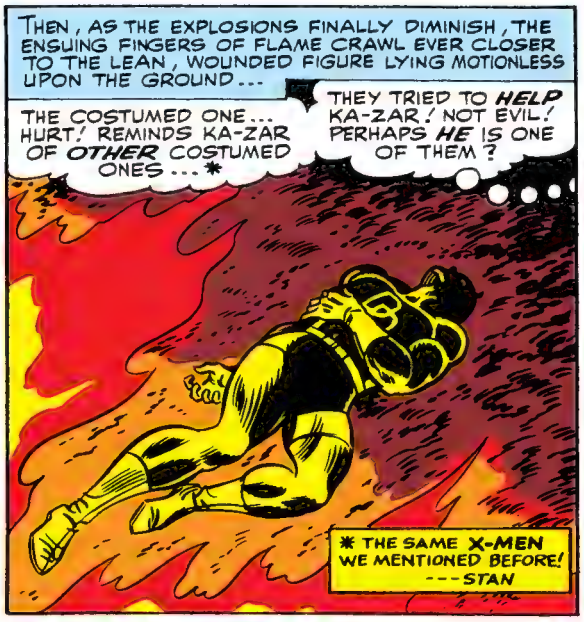
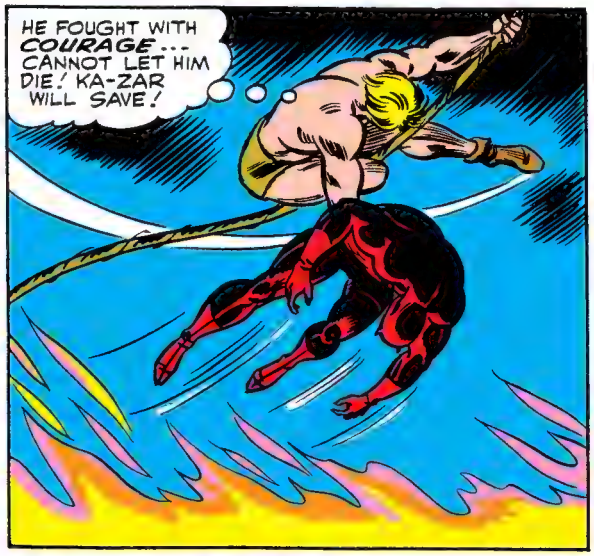
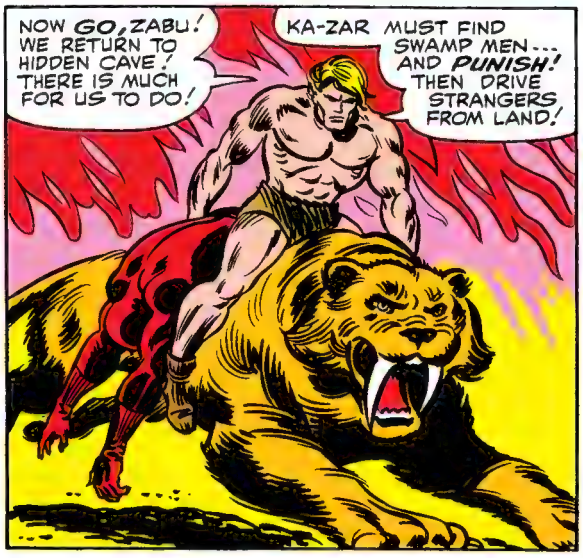
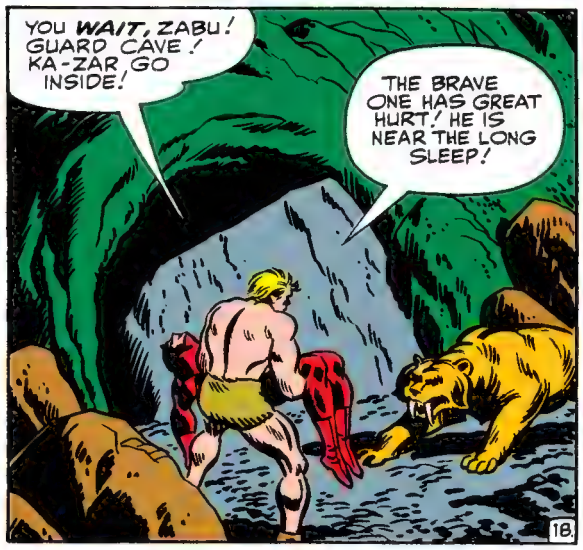

WITHOUT HIS LIFE-SAVING RADAR SENSE, THE SIGHTLESS ADVENTURER FINDS HIMSELF UNCERTAIN, CONFUSED, GROPING HELPLESSLY ABOUT IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS, UNTIL ...
SHELLS... FLYING ALL AROUND ME! DANGER EVERYWHERE...!
WHAT CAN I..?? UHHH! TOO LATE FOR ANYTHING!! I-I'M HIT!!

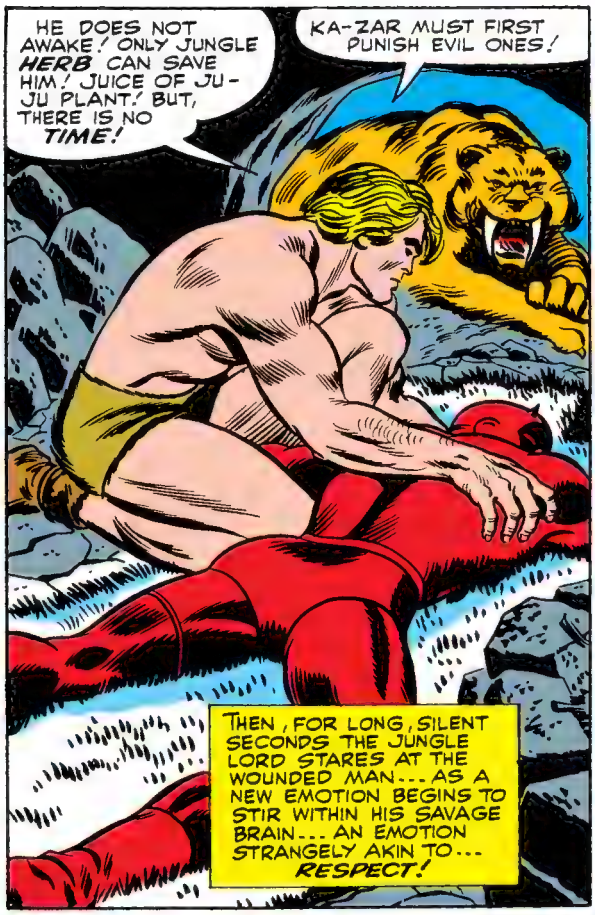

THEN, AS THE EXPLOSIONS FINALLY DIMINISH, THE ENSUING FINGERS OF FLAME CRAWL EVER CLOSER TO THE LEAN, WOUNDED FIGURE LYING MOTIONLESS UPON THE GROUND...
THE COSTUMED ONE... HURT! REMINDS KA-ZAR OF OTHER COSTUMED ONES...*
THEY TRIED TO HELP KA-ZAR! NOT EVIL! PERHAPS HE IS ONE OF THEM?
* THE SAME X-MEN WE MENTIONED BEFORE! ---STAN


HE FOUGHT WITH COURAGE... CANNOT LET HIM DIE! KA-ZAR WILL SAVE!

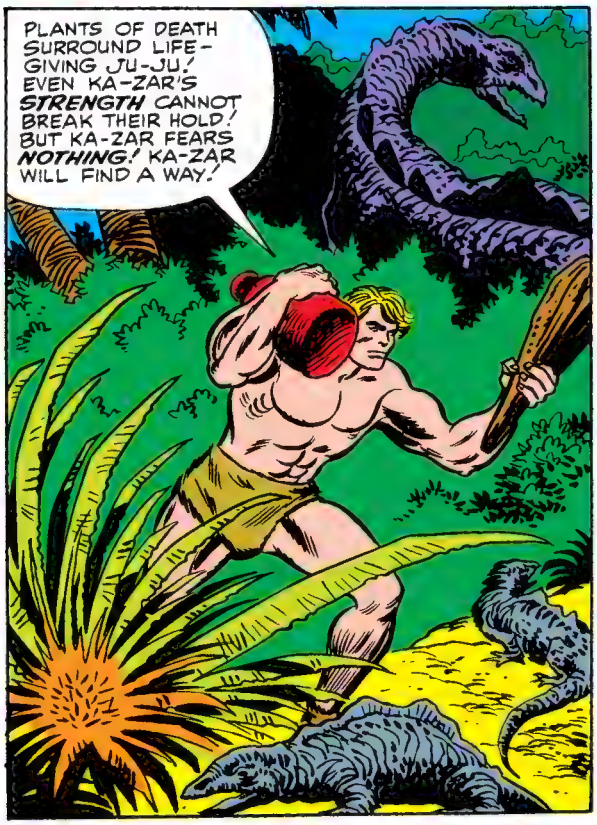

NOW GO, ZABU! WE RETURN TO HIDDEN CAVE! THERE IS MUCH FOR US TO DO!
KA-ZAR MUST FIND SWAMP MEN... AND PUNISH! THEN DRIVE STRANGERS FROM LAND!

THIS IS KA-ZAR! WORLD! THE JUNGLE IS KA-ZAR'S! THE LAW IS KA-ZAR'S!
IT MUST NEVER CHANGE!


YOU WAIT, ZABU! GUARD CAVE! KA-ZAR GO INSIDE!
THE BRAVE ONE HAS GREAT HURT! HE IS NEAR THE LONG SLEEP!

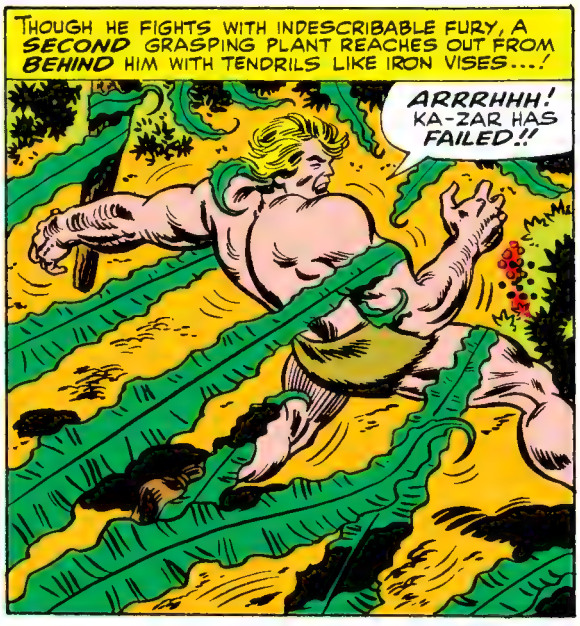

HE DOES NOT AWAKE! ONLY JUNGLE HERB CAN SAVE HIM! JUICE OF JU-JU PLANT! BUT, THERE IS NO TIME!
KA-ZAR MUST FIRST PUNISH EVIL ONES!
THEN, FOR LONG, SILENT SECONDS THE JUNGLE LORD STARES AT THE WOUNDED MAN... AS A NEW EMOTION BEGINS TO STIR WITHIN HIS SAVAGE BRAIN... AN EMOTION STRANGELY AKIN TO... RESPECT!

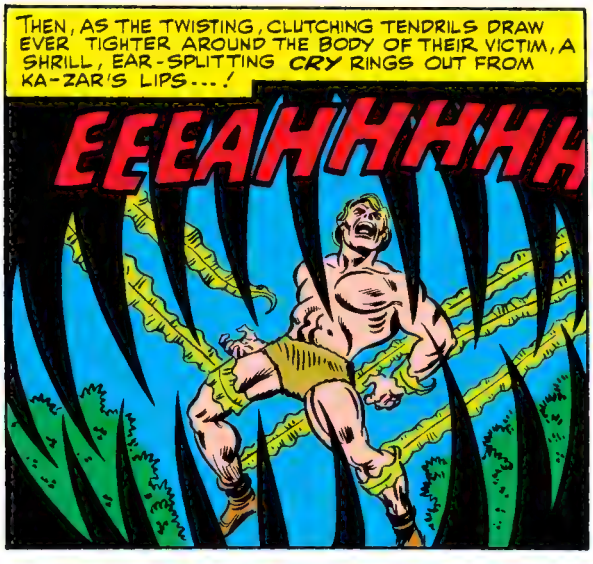
SUDDENLY, HE TURNS, SEIZING A MIGHTY WAR CLUB AND A GRAY EARTHEN JUG...
KA-ZAR HAS SEEN MANY MEN! BUT ALL EVIL... ALL COWARDS..EXCEPT THOSE WHO FOUGHT HERE MANY MOONS AGO... THOSE LIKE THE ONE WHO LIES HERE NOW!
STAND GUARD, LOYAL ZABU! KA-ZAR GOES NOW!


PLANTS OF DEATH SURROUND LIFE-GIVING JU-JU! EVEN KA-ZAR'S STRENGTH CANNOT BREAK THEIR HOLD! BUT KA-ZAR FEARS NOTHING! KA-ZAR WILL FIND A WAY!

FINALLY, AFTER A LONG, CAUTIOUS TREK THROUGH THE HOT, MURKY, FETID JUNGLE...
KILLER PLANT WAITS... READY TO STRIKE! KA-ZAR MUST SEIZE JU-JU BERRIES WITH SPEED OF SERPENT... WITH ARM STRONG AS MASTODON!

BUT, THOUGH HIS SPEED IS THE SPEED OF A JUNGLE BEAST, THE FANTASTIC PLANT MOVES EVEN FASTER...
ONLY CLUB CAN SAVE KA-ZAR NOW! BACK... BACK! THE JUNGLE LORD COMMANDS!
THUM!
THUD!

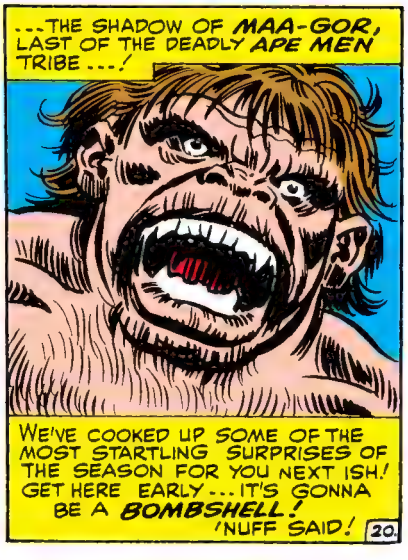

THOUGH HE FIGHTS WITH INDESCRIBABLE FURY, A SECOND GRASPING PLANT REACHES OUT FROM BEHIND HIM WITH TENDRILS LIKE IRON VISES...!
ARRRHHH! KA-ZAR HAS FAILED!!


THEN, AS THE TWISTING, CLUTCHING TENDRILS DRAW EVER TIGHTER AROUND THE BODY OF THEIR VICTIM, A SHRILL, EAR-SPLITTING CRY RINGS OUT FROM KA-ZAR'S LIPS...!
EEEAHHHHH

...A CRY WHICH REVERBERATES THROUGH THE TEEMING, TORRID JUNGLE, UNTIL IT REACHES THE EARS OF... ZABU!
AND, WITH AN ANSWERING ROAR OF BESTIAL DEFIANCE, THE MIGHTY SABER-TOOTH SPRINGS FROM THE HIDDEN CAVE...!
GRRRRR

...AS THE INJURED MAN WITHIN CONTINUES TO LIE STILL AND HELPLESS...

...UNAWARE OF THE HUGE, APE-LIKE SHADOW THAT FALLS ACROSS THE MOUTH OF THE DANK, MUSTY CAVERN...


...THE SHADOW OF MAA-GOR, LAST OF THE DEADLY APE MEN TRIBE...!
WE'VE COOKED UP SOME OF THE MOST STARTLING SURPRISES OF THE SEASON FOR YOU NEXT ISH! GET HERE EARLY... IT'S GONNA BE A BOMBSHELL! 'NUFF SAID!
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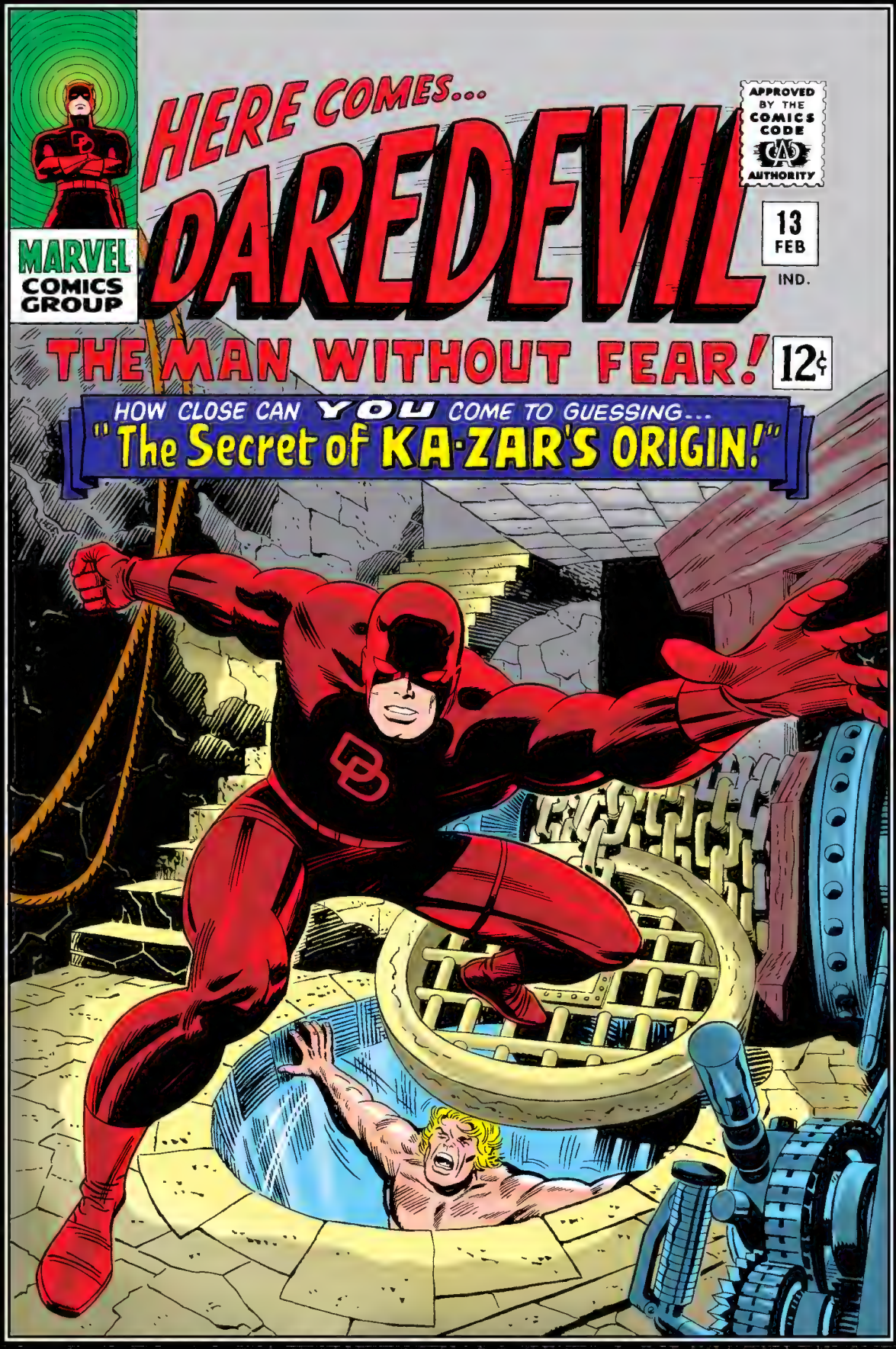
HERE COMES...
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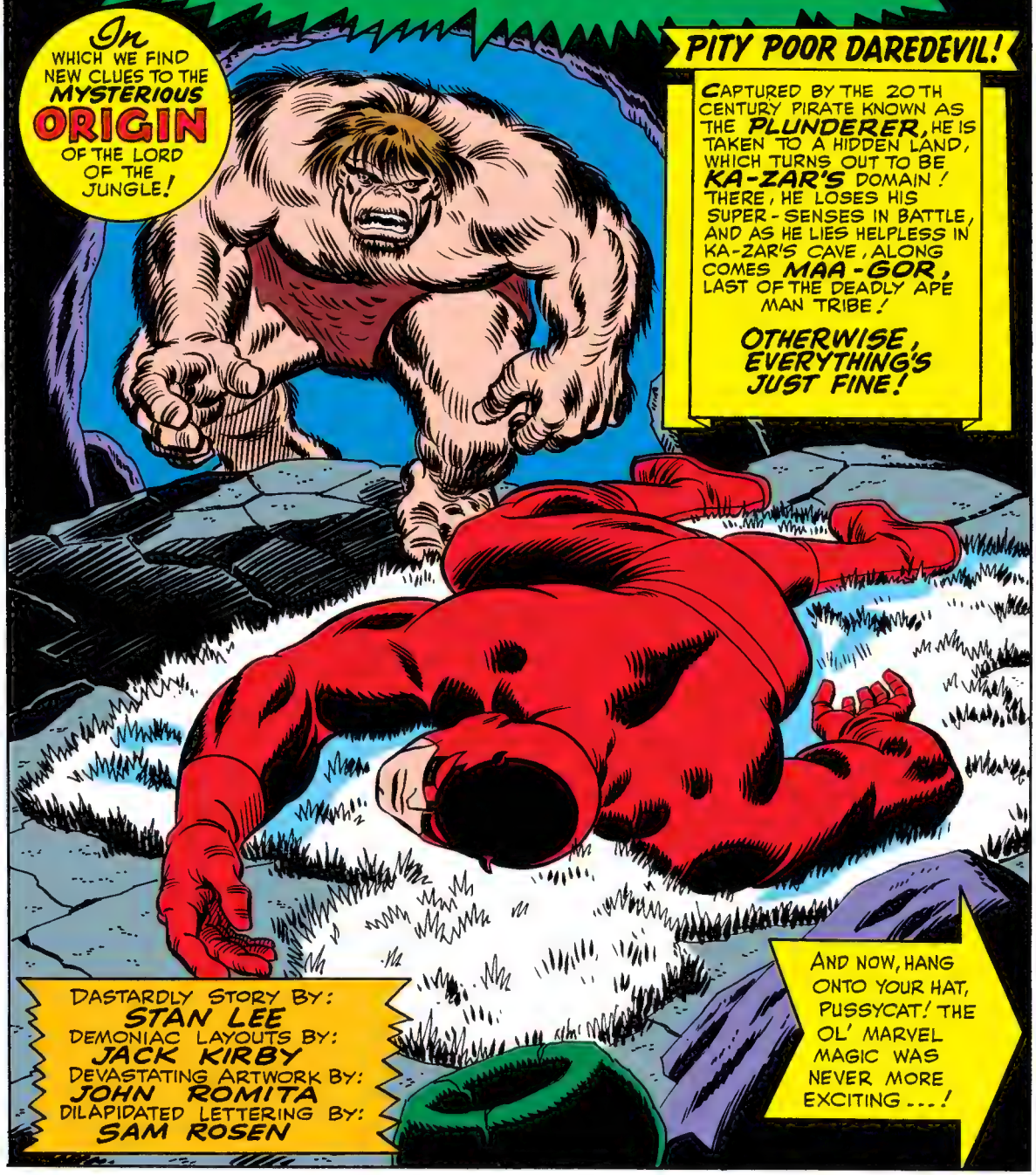
In which we find new clues to the MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN of the LORD OF THE JUNGLE!
PITY POOR DAREDEVIL!
CAPTURED BY THE 20TH CENTURY PIRATE KNOWN AS THE PLUNDERER, HE IS TAKEN TO A HIDDEN LAND, WHICH TURNS OUT TO BE KA-ZAR'S DOMAIN! THERE, HE LOSES HIS SUPER-SENSES IN BATTLE, AND AS HE LIES HELPLESS IN KA-ZAR'S CAVE, ALONG COMES MAA-GOR, LAST OF THE DEADLY APE MAN TRIBE!
OTHERWISE, EVERYTHING'S JUST FINE!
DASTARDLY STORY BY: STAN LEE
DEMONIAC LAYOUTS BY: JACK KIRBY
DEVASTATING ARTWORK BY: JOHN ROMITA
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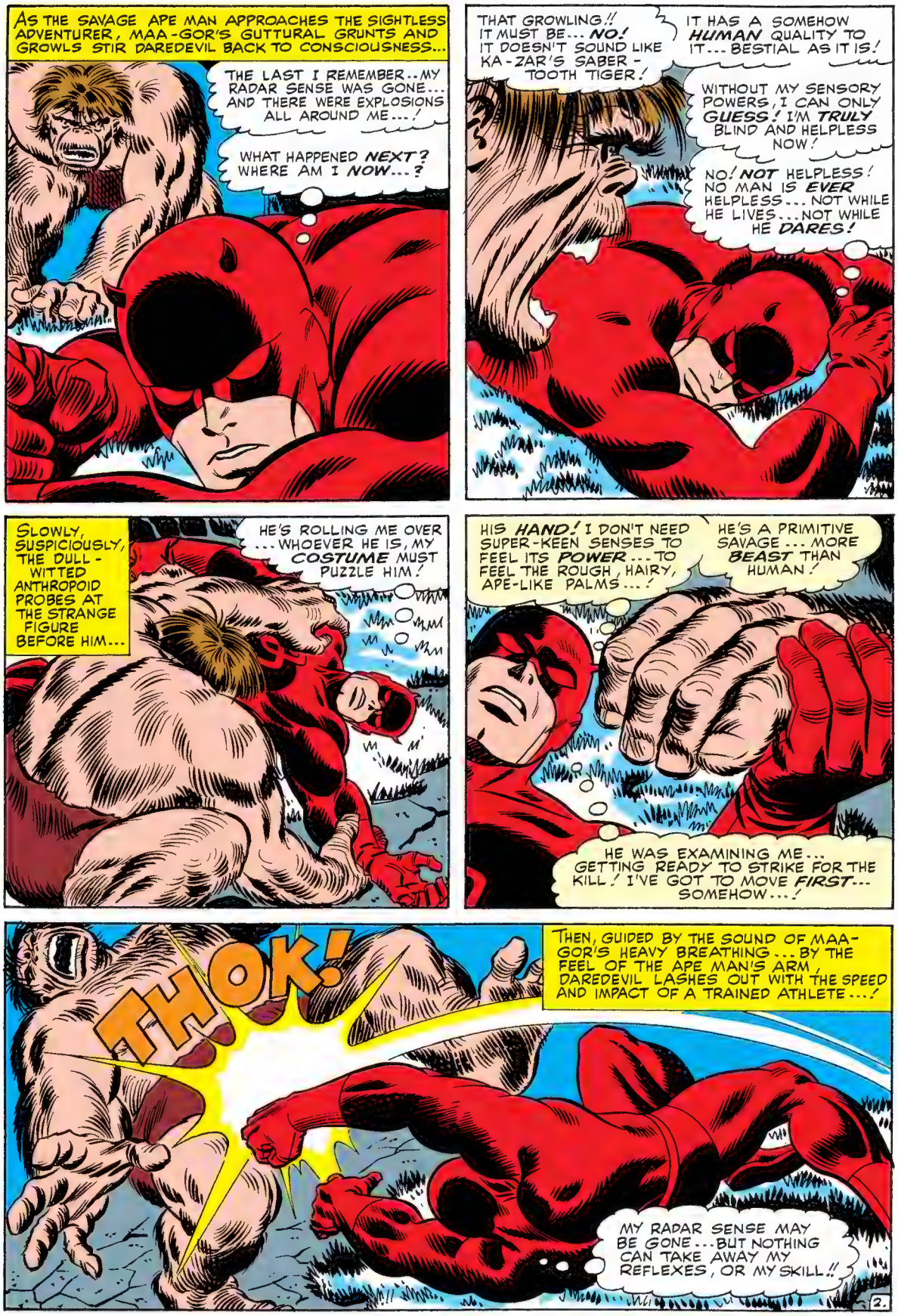
AND NOW, HANG ONTO YOUR HAT, PUSSYCAT! THE OL' MARVEL MAGIC WAS NEVER MORE EXCITING...!


AS THE SAVAGE APE MAN APPROACHES THE SIGHTLESS ADVENTURER, MAA-GOR'S GUTTURAL GRUNTS AND GROWLS STIR DAREDEVIL BACK TO CONSCIOUSNESS...
THE LAST I REMEMBER..MY RADAR SENSE WAS GONE... AND THERE WERE EXPLOSIONS ALL AROUND ME...!
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? WHERE AM I NOW...?
THAT GROWLING!! IT MUST BE... NO! IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE KA-ZAR'S SABER-TOOTH TIGER!
IT HAS A SOMEHOW HUMAN QUALITY TO IT... BESTIAL AS IT IS!
WITHOUT MY SENSORY POWERS, I CAN ONLY GUESS! I'M TRULY BLIND AND HELPLESS NOW!
NO! NOT HELPLESS! NO MAN IS EVER HELPLESS... NOT WHILE HE LIVES...NOT WHILE HE DARES!
SLOWLY, SUSPICIOUSLY, THE DULL-WITTED ANTHROPOID PROBES AT THE STRANGE FIGURE BEFORE HIM...
HE'S ROLLING ME OVER ...WHOEVER HE IS, MY COSTUME MUST PUZZLE HIM!
HIS HAND! I DON'T NEED SUPER-KEEN SENSES TO FEEL ITS POWER...TO FEEL THE ROUGH, HAIRY, APE-LIKE PALMS...!
HE'S A PRIMITIVE SAVAGE... MORE BEAST THAN HUMAN!
HE WAS EXAMINING ME... GETTING READY TO STRIKE FOR THE KILL! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FIRST... SOMEHOW...!
THOK!
THEN, GUIDED BY THE SOUND OF MAA-GOR'S HEAVY BREATHING... BY THE FEEL OF THE APE MAN'S ARM, DAREDEVIL LASHES OUT WITH THE SPEED AND IMPACT OF A TRAINED ATHLETE...!
MY RADAR SENSE MAY BE GONE...BUT NOTHING CAN TAKE AWAY MY REFLEXES, OR MY SKILL!!
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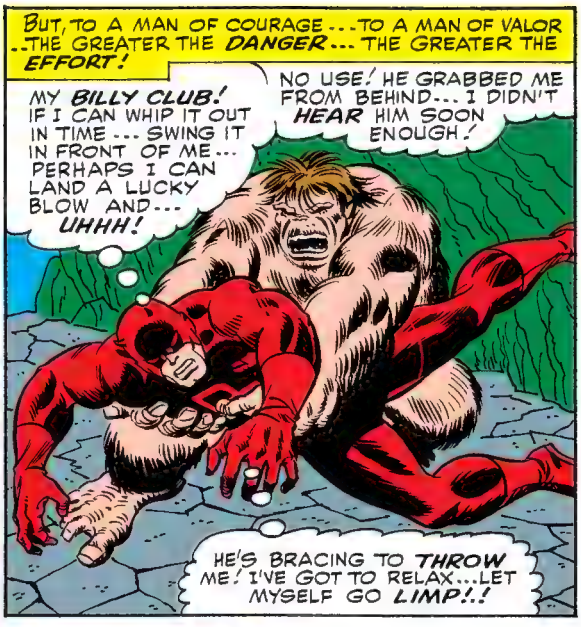
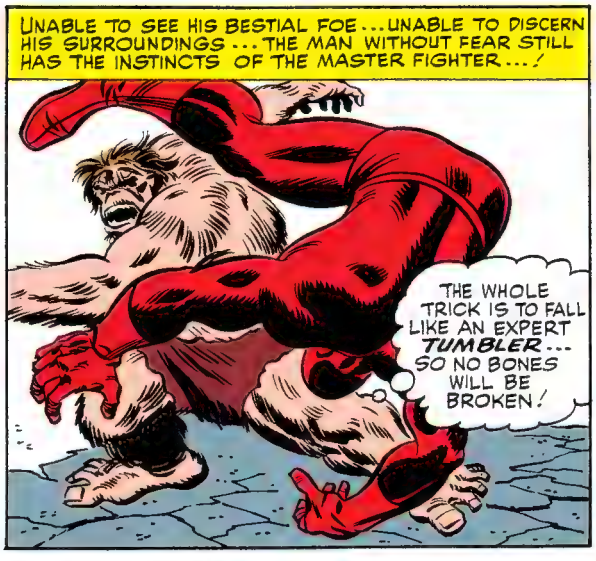
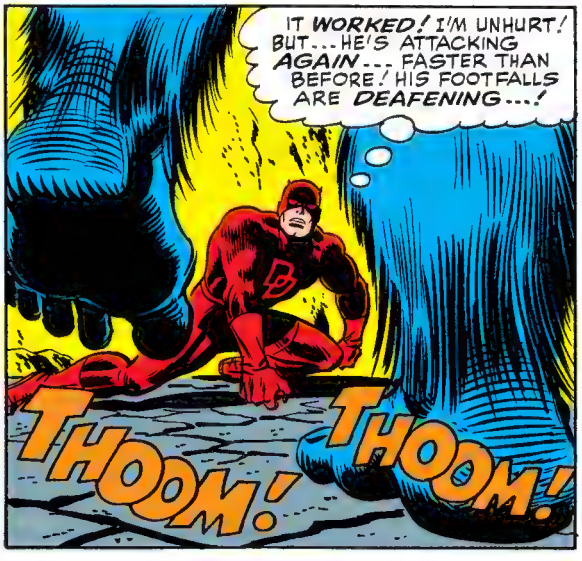
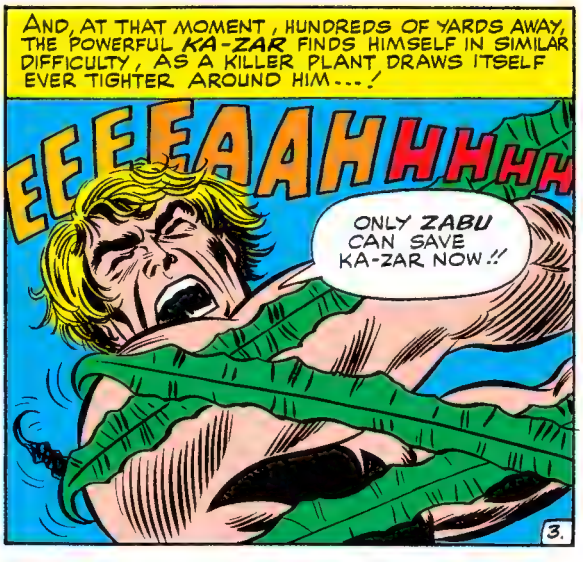
HAVING HURLED THE SAVAGE FROM HIM, DAREDEVIL LEAPS TO HIS FEET, IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO AVOID MAA-GOR'S NEXT ATTACK, ONLY TO REALIZE ...!
CAN'T RUN ANY FURTHER!! THERE'S A WALL IN FRONT OF ME... I MUST BE INSIDE A CAVE!
THUS, WITHOUT SIGHT... WITHOUT EXTRA-SENSORY POWER... THE COSTUMED CRUSADER FINDS HIMSELF TRULY TRAPPED!!!


BUT, TO A MAN OF COURAGE... TO A MAN OF VALOR ..THE GREATER THE DANGER... THE GREATER THE EFFORT!
MY BILLY CLUB! IF I CAN WHIP IT OUT IN TIME... SWING IT IN FRONT OF ME... PERHAPS I CAN LAND A LUCKY BLOW AND... UHHH!
NO USE! HE GRABBED ME FROM BEHIND... I DIDN'T HEAR HIM SOON ENOUGH!
HE'S BRACING TO THROW ME! I'VE GOT TO RELAX...LET MYSELF GO LIMP!!


UNABLE TO SEE HIS BESTIAL FOE... UNABLE TO DISCERN HIS SURROUNDINGS... THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR STILL HAS THE INSTINCTS OF THE MASTER FIGHTER...!
THE WHOLE TRICK IS TO FALL LIKE AN EXPERT TUMBLER... SO NO BONES WILL BE BROKEN!


IT WORKED! I'M UNHURT! BUT... HE'S ATTACKING AGAIN... FASTER THAN BEFORE! HIS FOOTFALLS ARE DEAFENING...!
THOOM!
THOOM!

CAN'T RUN! I'VE GOT TO HOPE I CAN SURVIVE HIS CHARGE... AND GET SOME SORT OF GRIP ON HIM!
IF THIS IS TO BE MY FINISH... I'LL DIE AS I'VE LIVED... FIGHTING TILL THE END!


AND, AT THAT MOMENT, HUNDREDS OF YARDS AWAY, THE POWERFUL KA-ZAR FINDS HIMSELF IN SIMILAR DIFFICULTY, AS A KILLER PLANT DRAWS ITSELF EVER TIGHTER AROUND HIM...!
EEEEAAHHHHH
ONLY ZABU CAN SAVE KA-ZAR NOW!!

FOR THOSE OF YOU INJUDICIOUS ENOUGH TO HAVE MISSED OUR LAST GREAT ISSUE, KA-ZAR RISKED THE MENACE OF THE KILLER PLANT WHILE TRYING TO PICK THE POTENT JU-JU BERRIES, WHICH HE FELT MIGHT CURE THE FALLEN DAREDEVIL! (ALTHOUGH A SITUATION LIKE THIS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE A MAN SWEAR OFF BEING A DO-GOODER!)
KA-ZAR LORD OF JUNGLE!! KA-ZAR MASTER OF ALL! BACK! BACK!! KA-ZAR COMMANDS!!
BUT, EVEN AS THE JUNGLE RINGS OUT WITH KA-ZAR'S CHALLENGE, A FOUR-LEGGED JUGGERNAUT HURTLES INTO THE FRAY---!
RRRRROARR!
ZABU!! YOU HAVE COME!
MIGHTY IS PLANT OF DEATH! BUT, MIGHTIER STILL IS ZABU, BROTHER TO THE WHIRLWIND AND THE THUNDER!! FIGHT FAITHFUL ONE!! FIGHT!
SILENTLY, THE MONSTROUS PLANT LOOSENS ITS HOLD ON KA-ZAR AS IT ENTWINES AROUND ITS LARGER PREY... BUT, IN SO DOING, IT SEALS ITS OWN FATE ...!!
RRROARRR
NEVER AGAIN WILL PLANT CLAIM NEW VICTIM!! KA-ZAR'S ROCKS WILL DESTROY FOREVER!!
SKRRAK!
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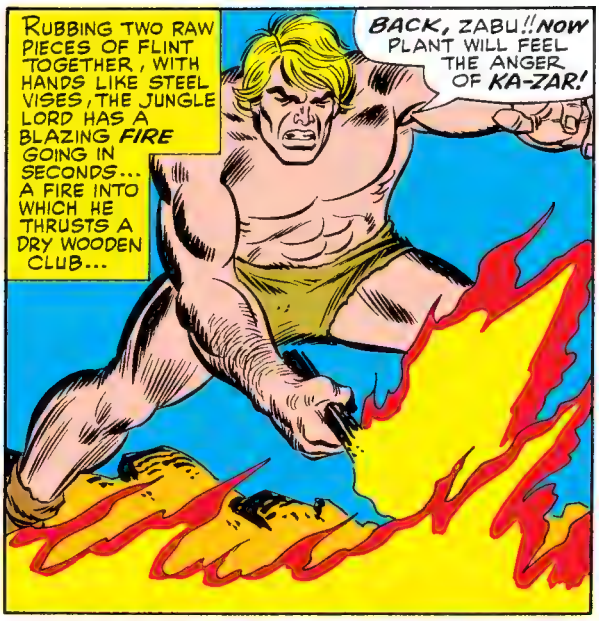
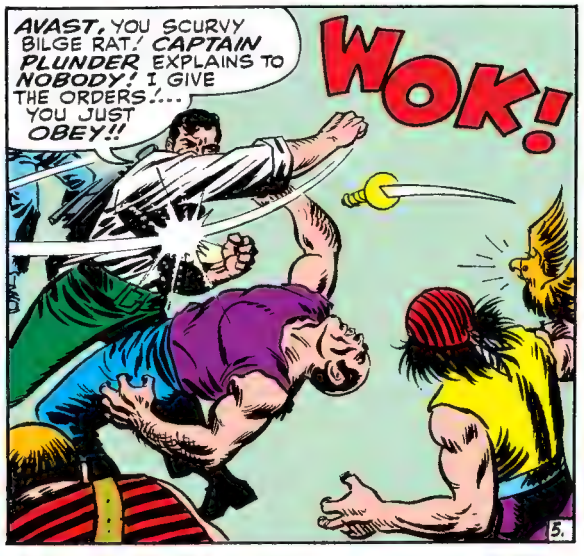

RUBBING TWO RAW PIECES OF FLINT TOGETHER, WITH HANDS LIKE STEEL VISES, THE JUNGLE LORD HAS A BLAZING FIRE GOING IN SECONDS... A FIRE INTO WHICH HE THRUSTS A DRY WOODEN CLUB...
BACK, ZABU!! NOW PLANT WILL FEEL THE ANGER OF KA-ZAR!

CRRACKLE!
HAH! KA-ZAR GREATEST OF ALL!!

STRONGER THAN MASTODON!! STRONGER THAN GIANT BOAR!!
MIGHTY IS KA-ZAR... LORD OF JUNGLE!!
EEEEEEEE

AND, DEEP IN THE PRIMORDIAL JUNGLE, THE EVIL PLUNDERER AND HIS MEN FEEL THEIR BLOOD RUN COLD AS THEY HEAR ---
AHHHHHHHH
LISTEN! IT'S KA-ZAR'S VICTORY CRY!!
WE'LL NEVER BE SAFE SO LONG AS HE'S FREE!

HE LEVELED OUR CAMP... DESTROYED OUR WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION... WE'VE NOTHING LEFT BUT SHOVELS AND CUTLASSES!
HE'S GOT TO BE MADE TO PAY FOR THAT!
HE'LL PAY, ALL RIGHT! BUT NOT THE WAY YOU THINK!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CAP'N?


AVAST, YOU SCURVY BILGE RAT! CAPTAIN PLUNDER EXPLAINS TO NOBODY! I GIVE THE ORDERS!... YOU JUST OBEY!!
WOK!
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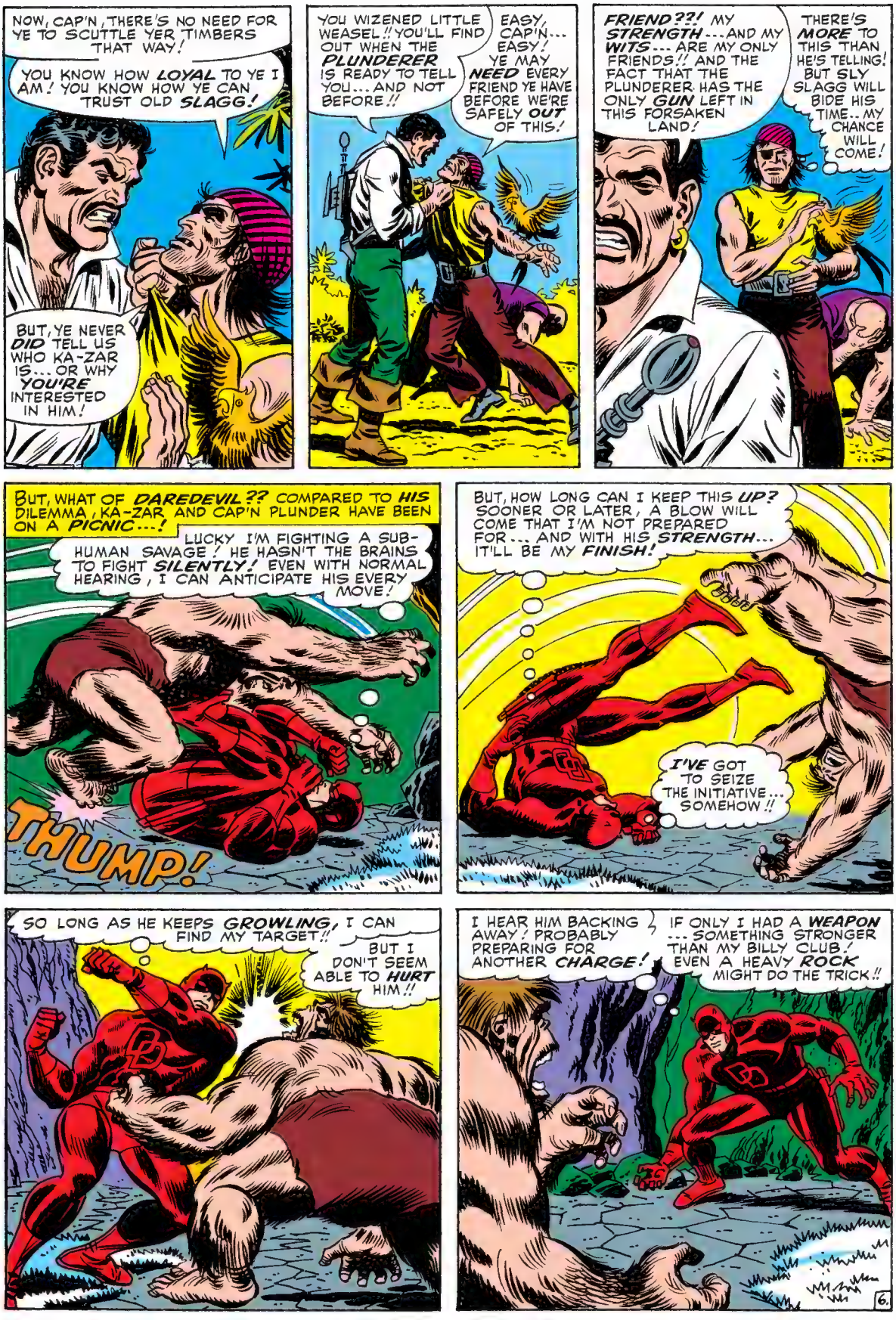
NOW, CAP'N, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YE TO SCUTTLE YER TIMBERS THAT WAY!
YOU KNOW HOW LOYAL TO YE I AM! YOU KNOW HOW YE CAN TRUST OLD SLAGG!
BUT, YE NEVER DID TELL US WHO KA-ZAR IS... OR WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HIM!
YOU WIZENED LITTLE WEASEL!! YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN THE PLUNDERER IS READY TO TELL YOU... AND NOT BEFORE!!
EASY, CAP'N... EASY! YE MAY NEED EVERY FRIEND YE HAVE BEFORE WE'RE SAFELY OUT OF THIS!
FRIEND??! MY STRENGTH... AND MY WITS... ARE MY ONLY FRIENDS!! AND THE FACT THAT THE PLUNDERER HAS THE ONLY GUN LEFT IN THIS FORSAKEN LAND!
THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN HE'S TELLING! BUT SLY SLAGG WILL BIDE HIS TIME.. MY CHANCE WILL COME!
BUT, WHAT OF DAREDEVIL?? COMPARED TO HIS DILEMMA, KA-ZAR AND CAP'N PLUNDER HAVE BEEN ON A PICNIC...!
LUCKY I'M FIGHTING A SUB-HUMAN SAVAGE! HE HASN'T THE BRAINS TO FIGHT SILENTLY! EVEN WITH NORMAL HEARING, I CAN ANTICIPATE HIS EVERY MOVE!
THUMP!
BUT, HOW LONG CAN I KEEP THIS UP? SOONER OR LATER, A BLOW WILL COME THAT I'M NOT PREPARED FOR... AND WITH HIS STRENGTH... IT'LL BE MY FINISH!
I'VE GOT TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE... SOMEHOW!!
SO LONG AS HE KEEPS GROWLING, I CAN FIND MY TARGET!!
BUT I DON'T SEEM ABLE TO HURT HIM!!
I HEAR HIM BACKING AWAY! PROBABLY PREPARING FOR ANOTHER CHARGE!
IF ONLY I HAD A WEAPON ... SOMETHING STRONGER THAN MY BILLY CLUB! EVEN A HEAVY ROCK MIGHT DO THE TRICK!!
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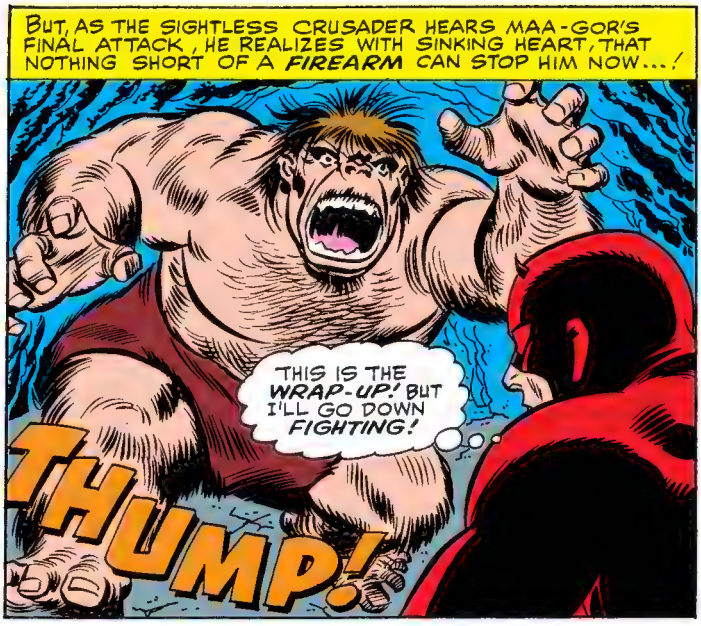
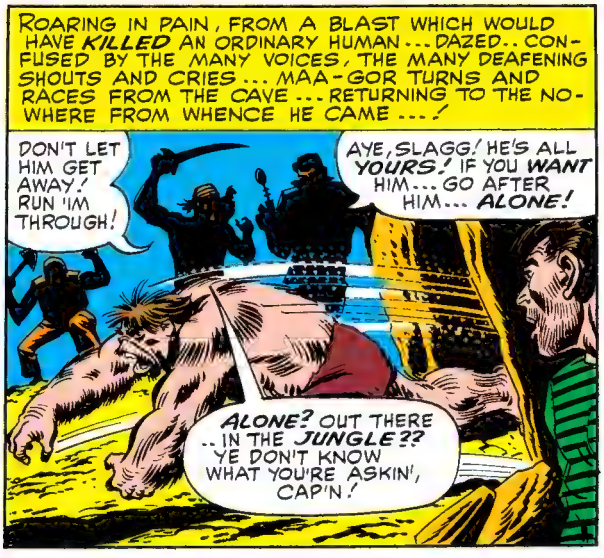

BUT, AS THE SIGHTLESS CRUSADER HEARS MAA-GOR'S FINAL ATTACK, HE REALIZES WITH SINKING HEART, THAT NOTHING SHORT OF A FIREARM CAN STOP HIM NOW...!
THIS IS THE WRAP-UP! BUT I'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING!
THUMP!

BUT THEN, MIRACULOUSLY, AS IT SEEMS TO DAREDEVIL, A SHOT RINGS OUT... REVERBERATING THROUGHOUT THE SHADOWY, DIMLY-LIT CAVE...!
KRAK!
ONE BLAST WILL HAVE TO DO IT! I CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE THEM!!
BUT, I CAN'T AFFORD TO LET ANY HARM COME TO KA-ZAR, EITHER!...NOT YET!

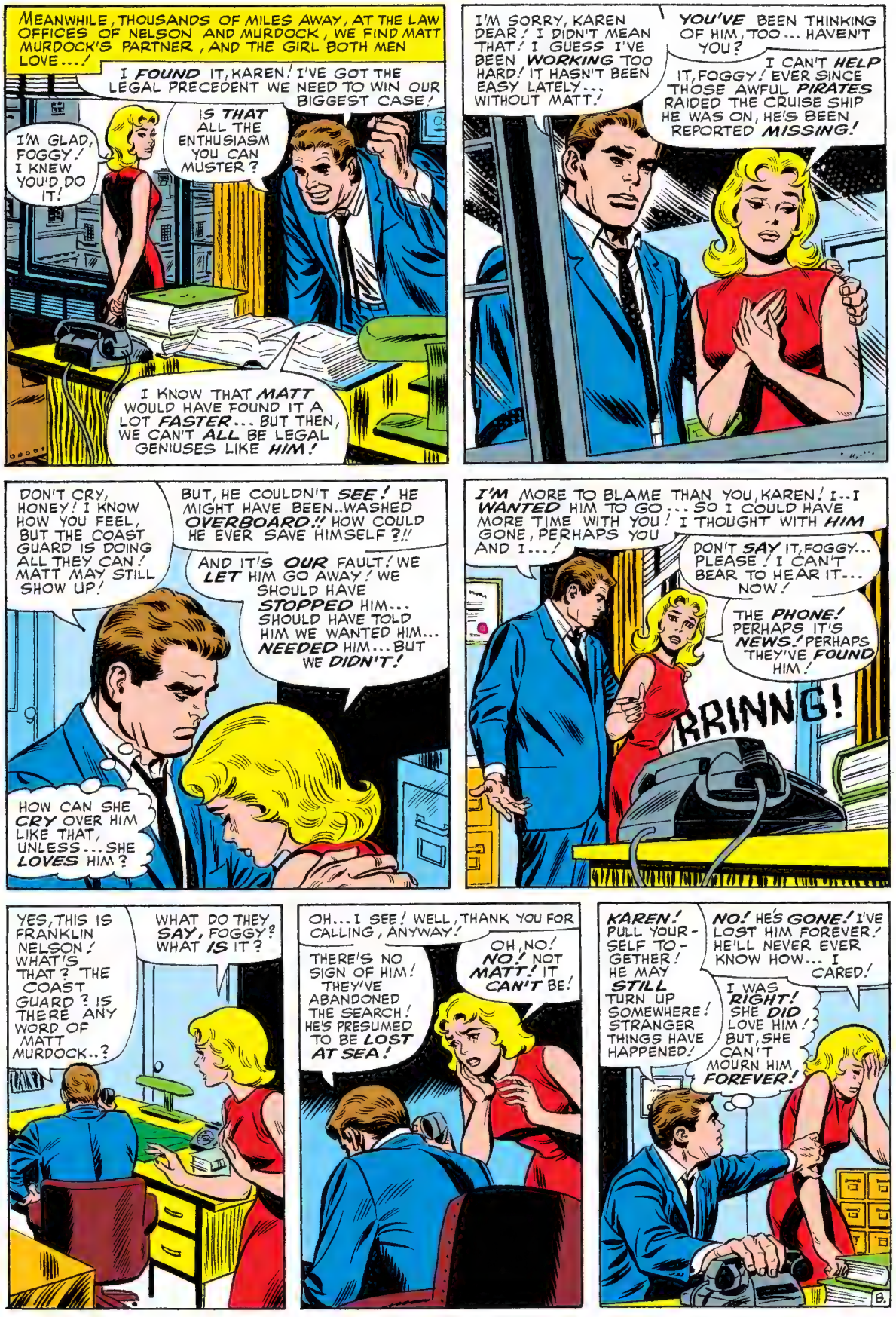

ROARING IN PAIN, FROM A BLAST WHICH WOULD HAVE KILLED AN ORDINARY HUMAN...DAZED..CONFUSED BY THE MANY VOICES, THE MANY DEAFENING SHOUTS AND CRIES... MAA-GOR TURNS AND RACES FROM THE CAVE...RETURNING TO THE NOWHERE FROM WHENCE HE CAME...!
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY! RUN 'IM THROUGH!
AYE, SLAGG! HE'S ALL YOURS! IF YOU WANT HIM...GO AFTER HIM... ALONE!
ALONE? OUT THERE..IN THE JUNGLE?? YE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ASKIN', CAP'N!

AND NOW TO... WAIT! WHAT'S THIS??!
IT ISN'T KA-ZAR! IT'S THE ONE CALLED DAREDEVIL!!
ON YOUR FEET, MASKED MAN! I'M IN COMMAND HERE AGAIN!
THE PLUNDERER'S VOICE! IT WAS HE WHO SAVED ME!
I'M RIGHT OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE!

SLAGG! STAND ASIDE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING??
JUST PROVIN' SOMETHING, CAP'N! I THOUGHT HE LOOKED PECULIAR TO ME! SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM! HE CAN'T SEE!
I WAS ABLE TO KEEP THAT FACT A SECRET BEFORE...BUT NOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

HE'S NO GOOD TO US NOW, CAP'N! LET'S FINISH HIM OFF.. SAME AS WE'LL FINISH OFF KA-ZAR WHEN WE FIND 'IM!
NO, SLAGG... NOT THE SAME! I HAVE DIFFERENT PLANS FOR KA-ZAR, WHEN WE FIND HIM--!

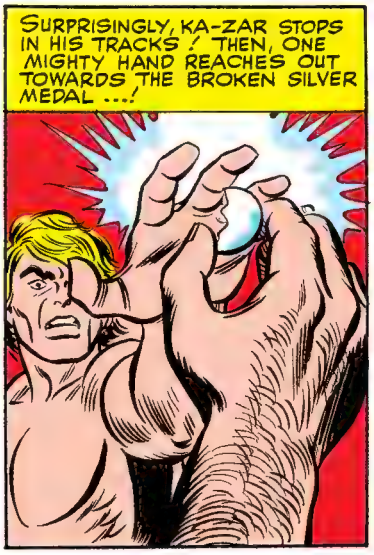
AFTER ALL... A MAN FEELS COMPELLED TO GIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT TO...HIS LONG LOST BROTHER!

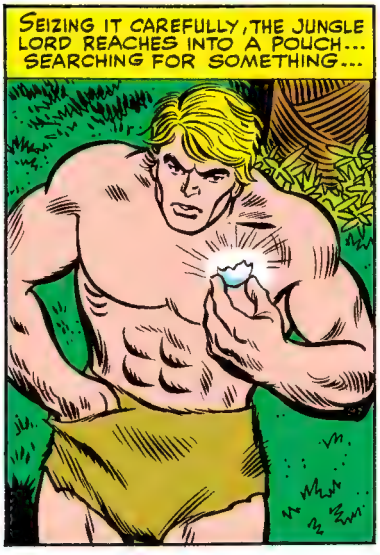

MEANWHILE, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, AT THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WE FIND MATT MURDOCK'S PARTNER, AND THE GIRL BOTH MEN LOVE...!
I FOUND IT, KAREN! I'VE GOT THE LEGAL PRECEDENT WE NEED TO WIN OUR BIGGEST CASE!
I'M GLAD, FOGGY! I KNEW YOU'D DO IT!
IS THAT ALL THE ENTHUSIASM YOU CAN MUSTER?
I KNOW THAT MATT WOULD HAVE FOUND IT A LOT FASTER... BUT THEN, WE CAN'T ALL BE LEGAL GENIUSES LIKE HIM!
I'M SORRY, KAREN DEAR! I DIDN'T MEAN THAT! I GUESS I'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD! IT HASN'T BEEN EASY LATELY..., WITHOUT MATT.!
YOU'VE BEEN THINKING OF HIM, TOO... HAVEN'T YOU?
I CAN'T HELP IT, FOGGY! EVER SINCE THOSE AWFUL PIRATES RAIDED THE CRUISE SHIP HE WAS ON, HE'S BEEN REPORTED MISSING!
DON'T CRY, HONEY! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT THE COAST GUARD IS DOING ALL THEY CAN! MATT MAY STILL SHOW UP!
BUT, HE COULDN'T SEE! HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN..WASHED OVERBOARD!! HOW COULD HE EVER SAVE HIMSELF?!!
AND IT'S OUR FAULT! WE LET HIM GO AWAY! WE SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM... SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM WE WANTED HIM... NEEDED HIM... BUT WE DIDN'T!
HOW CAN SHE CRY OVER HIM LIKE THAT, UNLESS... SHE LOVES HIM?
I'M MORE TO BLAME THAN YOU, KAREN! I--I WANTED HIM TO GO... SO I COULD HAVE MORE TIME WITH YOU! I THOUGHT WITH HIM GONE, PERHAPS YOU AND I...!
DON'T SAY IT, FOGGY... PLEASE! I CAN'T BEAR TO HEAR IT... NOW!
THE PHONE! PERHAPS IT'S NEWS! PERHAPS THEY'VE FOUND HIM!
RRINNG!
YES, THIS IS FRANKLIN NELSON! WHAT'S THAT? THE COAST GUARD? IS THERE ANY WORD OF MATT MURDOCK..?
WHAT DO THEY SAY, FOGGY? WHAT IS IT?
OH... I SEE! WELL, THANK YOU FOR CALLING, ANYWAY!
THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM! THEY'VE ABANDONED THE SEARCH! HE'S PRESUMED TO BE LOST AT SEA!
OH, NO! NO! NOT MATT! IT CAN'T BE!
KAREN! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! HE MAY STILL TURN UP SOMEWHERE! STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED!
NO! HE'S GONE! I'VE LOST HIM FOREVER! HE'LL NEVER EVER KNOW HOW... I CARED!
I WAS RIGHT! SHE DID LOVE HIM! BUT, SHE CAN'T MOURN HIM FOREVER!
8.

SEE HOW WE TRY TO PLEASE EVERYBODY? WE EVEN PRESENTED THE PRECEDING PAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOAP-OPERA LOVERS! BUT NOW, BACK TO THE ACTION ...!
FASTER, ZABU!! ONLY JU-JU BERRIES CAN CURE COSTUMED ONE IN KA-ZAR'S CAVE!
NOT GOOD FOR MAN SO BRAVE TO DIE!
ZABU STOPS! THERE IS DANGER!
WHAT IS AHEAD, FAITHFUL ONE? YOU MUST BEWARE MEN WITH THUNDER STICKS!
RRRRRRRR
BUT THEN, BEFORE ANOTHER WORD CAN BE SAID... BEFORE ANOTHER SECOND CAN ELAPSE ...THE GARGANTUAN SABER-TOOTH TIGER LEAPS FORWARD IN A DESTRUCTIVE CHARGE WHICH HAS NO PEER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH ...!
ZABU... WAIT!! KA-ZAR RUN FIRST!! ZABU!!!
ROARRRRR
CRRASH!
ZABU!!
THUMP!
WE GOT THE TIGER, CAP'N ... BUT THERE'S THE WILD MAN!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, KA-ZAR! OUR TRAP WON'T HURT YOUR LITTLE PET!
I JUST WANTED HIM OUT OF THE WAY WHILE I TALK TO YOU!
ROAR
RRRRRRR
ONLY ONE THUNDER STICK NOW! CANNOT HARM KA-ZAR!
9.

EEEAAHHHHH
HE'S CHARGING!! RUN!!
STOP, KA-ZAR! I DO NOT FEAR YOU!

WITHOUT FLINCHING... WITHOUT MOVING A MUSCLE... THE PLUNDERER STANDS HIS GROUND... FACING THE AWE-SOME, NERVE-SHATTERING CHARGE OF KA-ZAR, WITH ONLY ONE HAND UPRAISED... A HAND WHICH HOLDS A SMALL GLEAMING OBJECT..!
LOOK, JUNGLE MAN! SEE WHAT I HOLD ABOVE MY HEAD!


SURPRISINGLY, KA-ZAR STOPS IN HIS TRACKS! THEN, ONE MIGHTY HAND REACHES OUT TOWARDS THE BROKEN SILVER MEDAL ...!


SEIZING IT CAREFULLY, THE JUNGLE LORD REACHES INTO A POUCH... SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING...

... A SOMETHING WHICH PERFECTLY MATCHES THE HALF-MEDALLION WHICH CAPTAIN PLUNDER HAS GIVEN HIM!!
LOOK! KA-ZAR HAS THE OTHER HALF!
THEY'RE IDENTICAL PIECES!

WHERE DID YOU GET MEDAL?
IT BELONGED TO MY PARENTS! ONE HALF WAS GIVEN TO ME... AND THE OTHER HALF WAS GIVEN TO MY BROTHER... BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED... MANY YEARS AGO!
KA-ZAR HAVE MEDAL ALL HIS LIFE! THEN YOU... AND KA-ZAR... WE ARE BROTHERS!

WHAT DO YE MAKE OF IT, SLAGG? HOW CAN THE PLUNDERER BE RELATED TO THAT SAVAGE??
I DON'T KNOW, MATE! BUT THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN WE THINK! KEEP YOUR MOUTHS SHUT AND YOUR EYES OPEN, UNTIL SLAGG GIVES YE THE WORD!

AND THEN, THE COMMANDING VOICE OF CAPTAIN PLUNDER BOOMS OUT ONCE AGAIN...
NOW, SLAGG! THE SIGNAL! GIVE THE SIGNAL!
AYE, AYE, CAP'N!
ATOP THE TOWERING TREE, TWO OF THE PLUNDERER'S HIDDEN MEN SEE THE LONG-AWAITED SIGNAL, AND ACKNOWLEDGE IT IMMEDIATELY...!
THERE! IT'S DONE! NOTHING CAN SAVE KA-ZAR NOW!
DON'T MISS, YE LUBBER, OR THE CAP'N'LL HAVE YOUR HIDE!
MISS? BELAY IT, MATIE, WHO CAN MISS A TARGET LIKE THAT?!!
THUMP!
WE GOT HIM! KA-ZAR IS OURS!
HEAVE TO, YE WORTHLESS BILGE RATS! SECURE HIM BEFORE HE CAN BREAK OUT! MOVE, BLAST YE!
AYE, GOOD! GOOD! GET THE STEEL PLATES IN POSITION!
REALIZING HE IS TRAPPED, THE JUNGLE MONARCH QUICKLY COMPLETES THE TASK HE HAD SET OUT TO DO...!
COSTUMED ONE! JU-JU BERRIES! CATCH!
AND, SO ACCURATE IS KA-ZAR'S AIM THAT THE PRECIOUS BERRIES LAND IN THE BLIND MAN'S OUT-STRETCHED HAND...!
'TIS GOOD YOU SWALLOWED THOSE BERRIES! UNLESS YOU OBEY MY EVERY ORDER, THEY'LL BE THE LAST MEAL YE EVER EAT!
LOAD THEM ON THE SHIP, ME HEARTIES! WE HEAD FOR HOME AT ONCE!
MY HEAD! --THAT TINGLING FEELING.. AS THOUGH MY POWERS ARE RETURNING! IF ONLY IT ISN'T A FALSE ALARM!
BUT, I MUSTN'T LET THE PLUNDERER SUSPECT... YET! IT COULD BE MY ACE IN THE HOLE!
MINUTES LATER, THE STRANGE UNDERSEA CRAFT STRIKES A COURSE DUE NORTH... AS THE MYSTERIOUS CAPTAIN OF HIS MARAUDING CREW SITS ALONE IN HIS LUXURIOUS CABIN, OCCUPIED WITH HIS OWN DARK, SINISTER THOUGHTS...
IT WOULD BE WORTH MY LIFE TO TRY TO GET THE OTHER HALF OF THE MEDALLION FROM MY BESTIAL BROTHER NOW! IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER WHEN WE REACH ENGLAND... FOR I SHALL USE THE HELPLESS DAREDEVIL AS MY CAT'S PAW!
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LONG HOURS LATER, AFTER COMPLETING THE INCREDIBLE VOYAGE IN RECORD TIME, THE FANTASTIC UNDERSEA CRAFT FINALLY EMERGES IN A LONELY LAGOON, BENEATH A GRIM AND TOWERING CASTLE ...
OUT, SLAGG! TO THE CASTLE WITH YE! PREPARE THE SCURVY STAFF FOR THE COMING OF THEIR MASTER!
THUS, WITHIN MINUTES, FEVERISH ACTIVITY FILLS THE GREAT BARONIAL HALLS ...
FASTER, YE LUBBERS! CAP'N PLUNDER WILL HAVE YER HIDES IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH GRUB 'N GROG!
THAT'S IT, YE OVER-STUFFED SALAMANDERS! HOP WHEN SLAGG GIVES YE AN ORDER!!! ESPECIALLY YOU, FEEPERS, YE SLOW-MOVIN' SWINE!
WE'RE DOING OUR BEST, SIR! THE FOOD AND DRINK ARE INDEED THE FINEST!
AND, IN THE MOMENTS THAT FOLLOW, IT SEEMS THAT THE RIOTOUS REVELLERS HAVE LITTLE CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT...
DRINK HEARTY, YE MISERABLE SCULLIONS! AFTER TODAY, THE WORLD WILL BE MINE!
MORE GROG, FEEPERS...OR YE'LL FEEL THE WEIGHT OF ME BOOT, YE SPINELESS SEA-GOAT!
AT ONCE, MILORD... AT ONCE!
CLANG! CLANG!
MY RADAR SENSE HAS ALMOST FULLY RETURNED TO ME! KA-ZAR'S BERRIES REALLY DID CONTAIN HEALING POWERS! BUT, I MUST BIDE MY TIME..TILL I LEARN MORE! I MUST KNOW THE SECRET OF THOSE TWIN MEDALLIONS!
BUT, AS THE EVENING WEARS ON, THE REVELLERS BEGIN TO GROW WEARY... HEAVY-EYED..UNTIL, AT LAST, ONE BY ONE THEY SLUMP DOWN UPON THE GREAT TABLE, VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN RIOTOUS GLUTTONY...!
PLUNDER'S MEN ARE DROPPING OFF TO SLEEP! IT'S HAPPENING TOO QUICKLY... TOO CONVENIENTLY... TO BE PURELY ACCIDENTAL!
AHHH...NOW THAT WAS A PARTY..ZZZZ...
ME EYES.. CAN'T HOLD THEM OPEN ANY LONGER..!
AND NOW THAT MY LITTLE SLEEPING POTIONS HAVE DONE THEIR WORK, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO DO YOURS!
I HAVE LET YOU LIVE FOR ONLY ONE REASON! KA-ZAR SEEMS TO TRUST YOU MORE THAN ANY OTHER MAN! SO IT SHALL BE YOU WHO GETS THE OTHER HALF OF THE MEDALLION FROM HIM... FOR ME!
AT LAST! THE MOMENT I'VE WAITED FOR!
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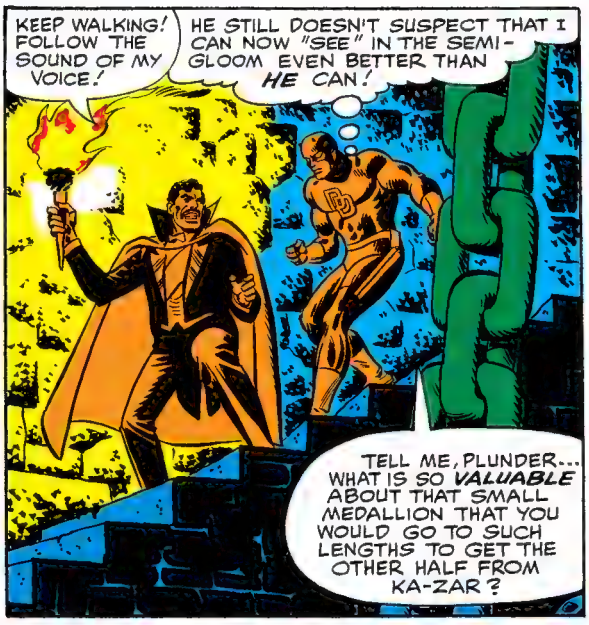
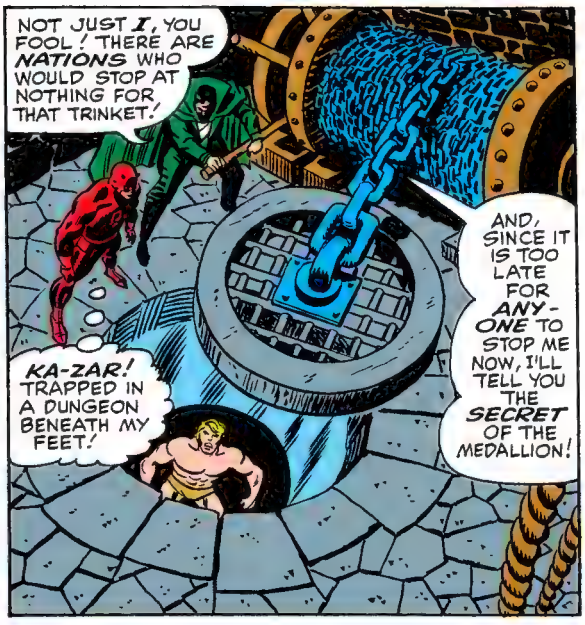
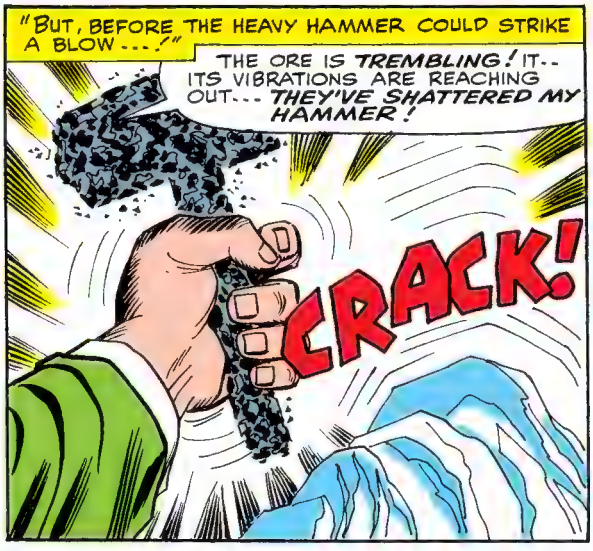
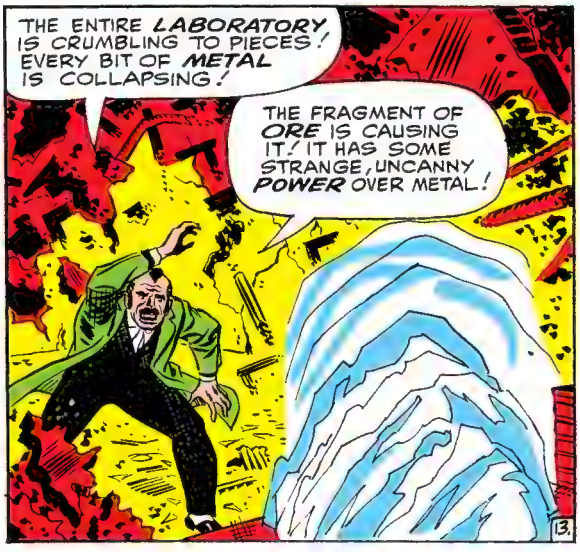

KEEP WALKING! FOLLOW THE SOUND OF MY VOICE!
HE STILL DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT I CAN NOW "SEE" IN THE SEMI-GLOOM EVEN BETTER THAN HE CAN!
TELL ME, PLUNDER... WHAT IS SO VALUABLE ABOUT THAT SMALL MEDALLION THAT YOU WOULD GO TO SUCH LENGTHS TO GET THE OTHER HALF FROM KA-ZAR?


NOT JUST I, YOU FOOL! THERE ARE NATIONS WHO WOULD STOP AT NOTHING FOR THAT TRINKET!
KA-ZAR! TRAPPED IN A DUNGEON BENEATH MY FEET!
AND, SINCE IT IS TOO LATE FOR ANY-ONE TO STOP ME NOW, I'LL TELL YOU THE SECRET OF THE MEDALLION!

IT IS NO MERE METAL COIN... BUT A KEY... A KEY TO THE GREATEST POWER ON EARTH!
EMPTY WORDS, PLUNDERER! YOU'VE STILL TOLD ME NOTHING!
WAIT, YOU SIGHTLESS BUFFOON! YOU WILL NOT BE SO SMUG, SO CALM, AFTER YOU HEAR THE REST OF THE STORY...!

"WHEN MY BROTHER AND I WERE CHILDREN, OUR FATHER, THE FIRST LORD PLUNDER, WAS A WORLD-RENOWNED EXPLORER! ONE DAY, HE BROUGHT BACK TO THIS CASTLE A WONDROUS ROCKLIKE FRAGMENT...!"
IT IS LIKE NO ORE I HAVE EVER SEEN! IT HAS A STRANGE, THROBBING QUALITY TO IT!
I'VE GOT TO SHATTER IT, SO I CAN EXAMINE IT MINUTELY! I MAY HAVE DISCOVERED AN ENTIRELY NEW FORM OF MINERAL!


"BUT, BEFORE THE HEAVY HAMMER COULD STRIKE A BLOW...!"
THE ORE IS TREMBLING! IT-- ITS VIBRATIONS ARE REACHING OUT... THEY'VE SHATTERED MY HAMMER!
CRACK!


THE ENTIRE LABORATORY IS CRUMBLING TO PIECES! EVERY BIT OF METAL IS COLLAPSING!
THE FRAGMENT OF ORE IS CAUSING IT! IT HAS SOME STRANGE, UNCANNY POWER OVER METAL!
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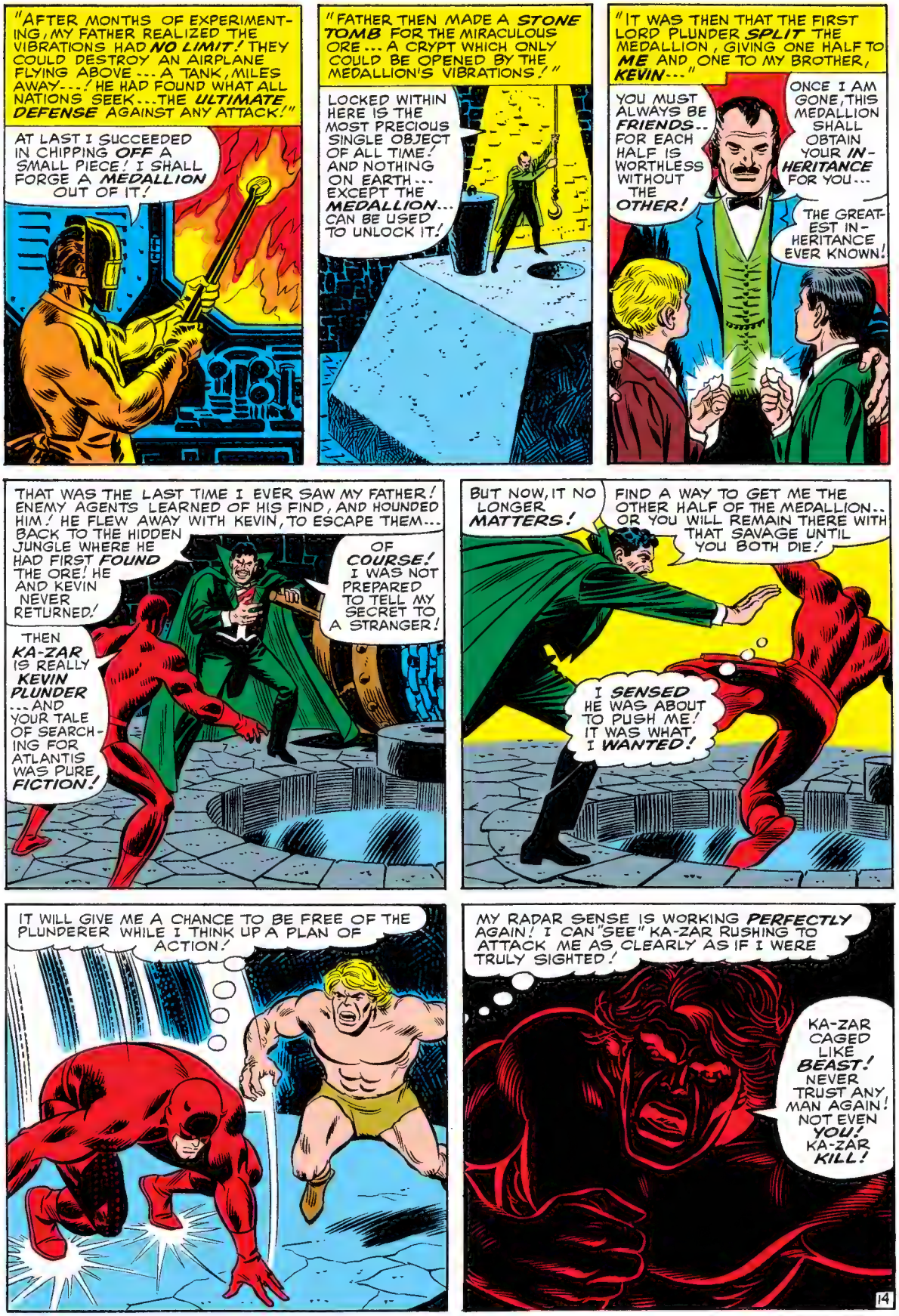
"AFTER MONTHS OF EXPERIMENTING, MY FATHER REALIZED THE VIBRATIONS HAD NO LIMIT! THEY COULD DESTROY AN AIRPLANE FLYING ABOVE ... A TANK, MILES AWAY...! HE HAD FOUND WHAT ALL NATIONS SEEK...THE ULTIMATE DEFENSE AGAINST ANY ATTACK!"
AT LAST I SUCCEEDED IN CHIPPING OFF A SMALL PIECE! I SHALL FORGE A MEDALLION OUT OF IT!
"FATHER THEN MADE A STONE TOMB FOR THE MIRACULOUS ORE ... A CRYPT WHICH ONLY COULD BE OPENED BY THE MEDALLION'S VIBRATIONS!"
LOCKED WITHIN HERE IS THE MOST PRECIOUS SINGLE OBJECT OF ALL TIME! AND NOTHING ON EARTH ... EXCEPT THE MEDALLION... CAN BE USED TO UNLOCK IT!
"IT WAS THEN THAT THE FIRST LORD PLUNDER SPLIT THE MEDALLION, GIVING ONE HALF TO ME AND ONE TO MY BROTHER, KEVIN..."
YOU MUST ALWAYS BE FRIENDS.. FOR EACH HALF IS WORTHLESS WITHOUT THE OTHER!
ONCE I AM GONE, THIS MEDALLION SHALL OBTAIN YOUR IN-HERITANCE FOR YOU...
THE GREATEST INHERITANCE EVER KNOWN!
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I EVER SAW MY FATHER! ENEMY AGENTS LEARNED OF HIS FIND, AND HOUNDED HIM! HE FLEW AWAY WITH KEVIN, TO ESCAPE THEM... BACK TO THE HIDDEN JUNGLE WHERE HE HAD FIRST FOUND THE ORE! HE AND KEVIN NEVER RETURNED!
OF COURSE! I WAS NOT PREPARED TO TELL MY SECRET TO A STRANGER!
THEN KA-ZAR IS REALLY KEVIN PLUNDER ... AND YOUR TALE OF SEARCHING FOR ATLANTIS WAS PURE FICTION!
BUT NOW, IT NO LONGER MATTERS!
FIND A WAY TO GET ME THE OTHER HALF OF THE MEDALLION.. OR YOU WILL REMAIN THERE WITH THAT SAVAGE UNTIL YOU BOTH DIE!
I SENSED HE WAS ABOUT TO PUSH ME! IT WAS WHAT I WANTED!
IT WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO BE FREE OF THE PLUNDERER WHILE I THINK UP A PLAN OF ACTION!
MY RADAR SENSE IS WORKING PERFECTLY AGAIN! I CAN "SEE" KA-ZAR RUSHING TO ATTACK ME AS CLEARLY AS IF I WERE TRULY SIGHTED!
KA-ZAR CAGED LIKE BEAST! NEVER TRUST ANY MAN AGAIN! NOT EVEN YOU! KA-ZAR KILL!
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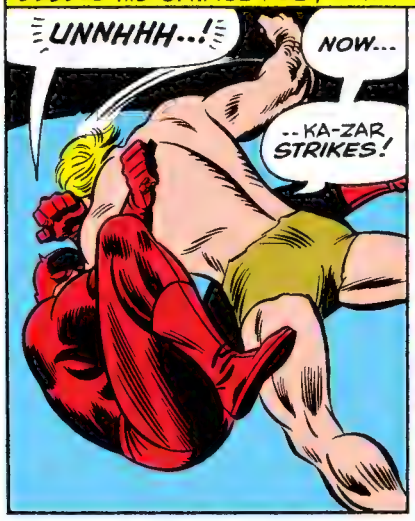
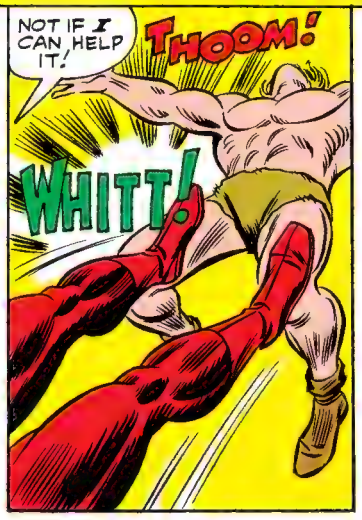
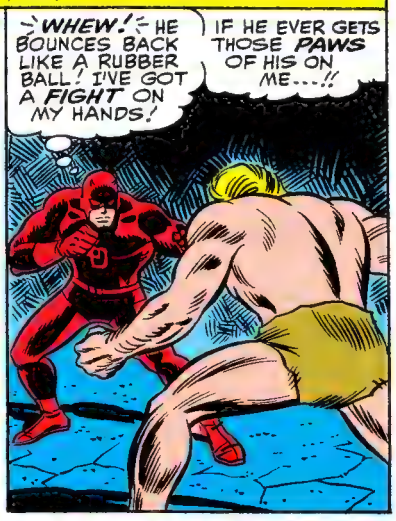
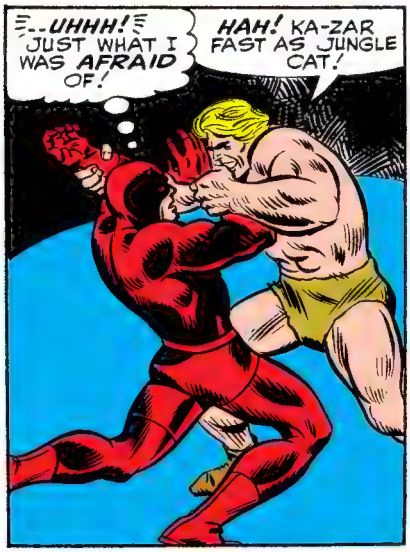
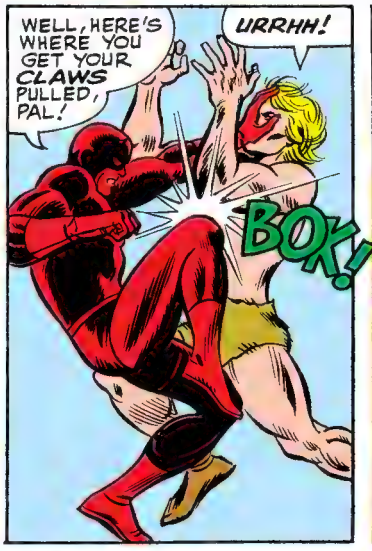
THEN, SWIFTLY... SAVAGELY... LIKE TWO STEEL-SINEWED TITANS, THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER AND THE JUNGLE LORD BATTLE AS FEW MEN HAVE EVER BATTLED BEFORE! KA-ZAR, GOADED BY AN UNCONTROLLABLE FURY, SLASHING, STRIKING, SMASHING... BATTLING AGAINST A WORLD HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND DAREDEVIL, FIGHTING WITH THE SKILL AND POWER THAT HAVE MADE HIS NAME A LEGEND, SEEKING TO SUBDUE HIS SAVAGE FOE, WITHOUT INJURING THE UNTAMED GIANT...!

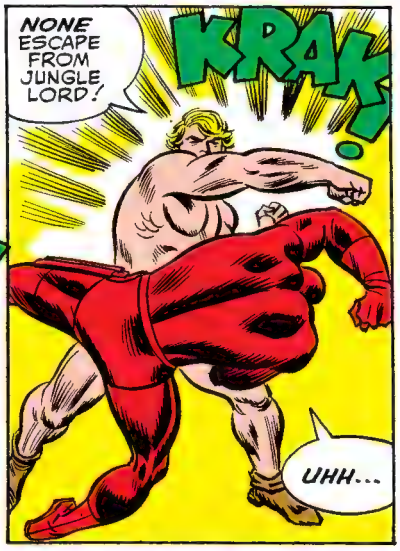


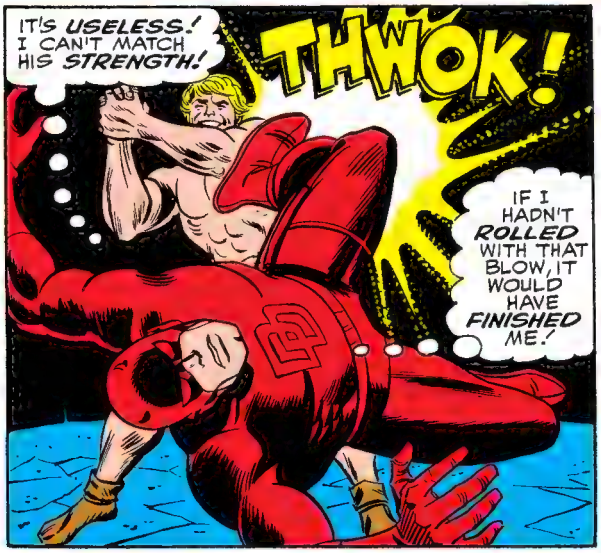


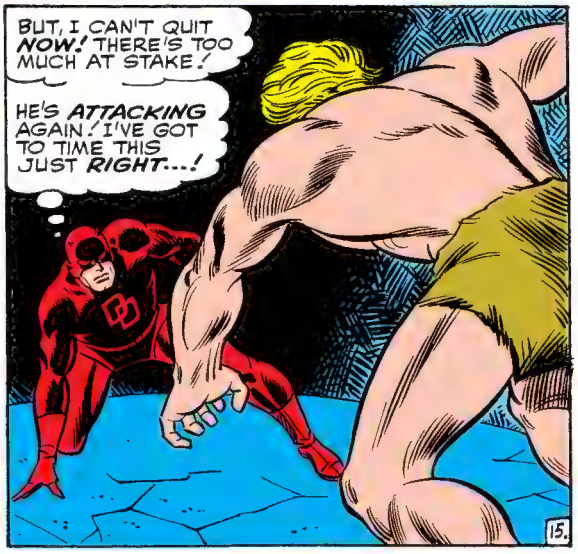


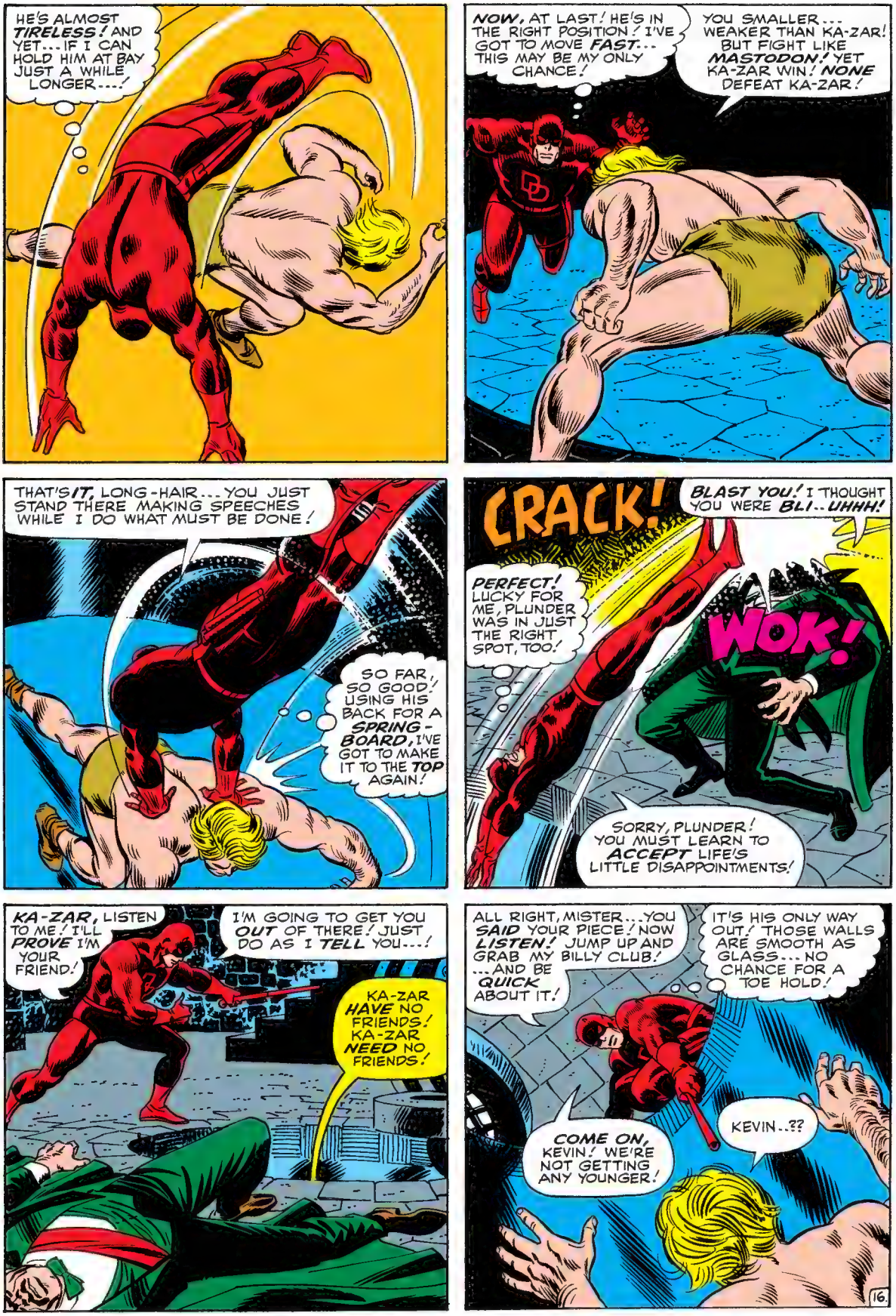











HE'S ALMOST TIRELESS! AND YET... IF I CAN HOLD HIM AT BAY JUST A WHILE LONGER...!
NOW, AT LAST! HE'S IN THE RIGHT POSITION! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST... THIS MAY BE MY ONLY CHANCE!
YOU SMALLER... WEAKER THAN KA-ZAR! BUT FIGHT LIKE MASTODON! YET KA-ZAR WIN! NONE DEFEAT KA-ZAR!
THAT'S IT, LONG-HAIR... YOU JUST STAND THERE MAKING SPEECHES WHILE I DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!
SO FAR, SO GOOD! USING HIS BACK FOR A SPRING-BOARD, I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT TO THE TOP AGAIN!
CRACK!
BLAST YOU! I THOUGHT YOU WERE BLI..UHHH!
PERFECT! LUCKY FOR ME, PLUNDER WAS IN JUST THE RIGHT SPOT, TOO!
WOK!
SORRY, PLUNDER! YOU MUST LEARN TO ACCEPT LIFE'S LITTLE DISAPPOINTMENTS!
KA-ZAR, LISTEN TO ME! I'LL PROVE I'M YOUR FRIEND!
I'M GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE! JUST DO AS I TELL YOU...!
KA-ZAR HAVE NO FRIENDS! KA-ZAR NEED NO FRIENDS!
ALL RIGHT, MISTER... YOU SAID YOUR PIECE! NOW LISTEN! JUMP UP AND GRAB MY BILLY CLUB! ...AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!
IT'S HIS ONLY WAY OUT! THOSE WALLS ARE SMOOTH AS GLASS... NO CHANCE FOR A TOE HOLD!
COME ON, KEVIN! WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER!
KEVIN..??
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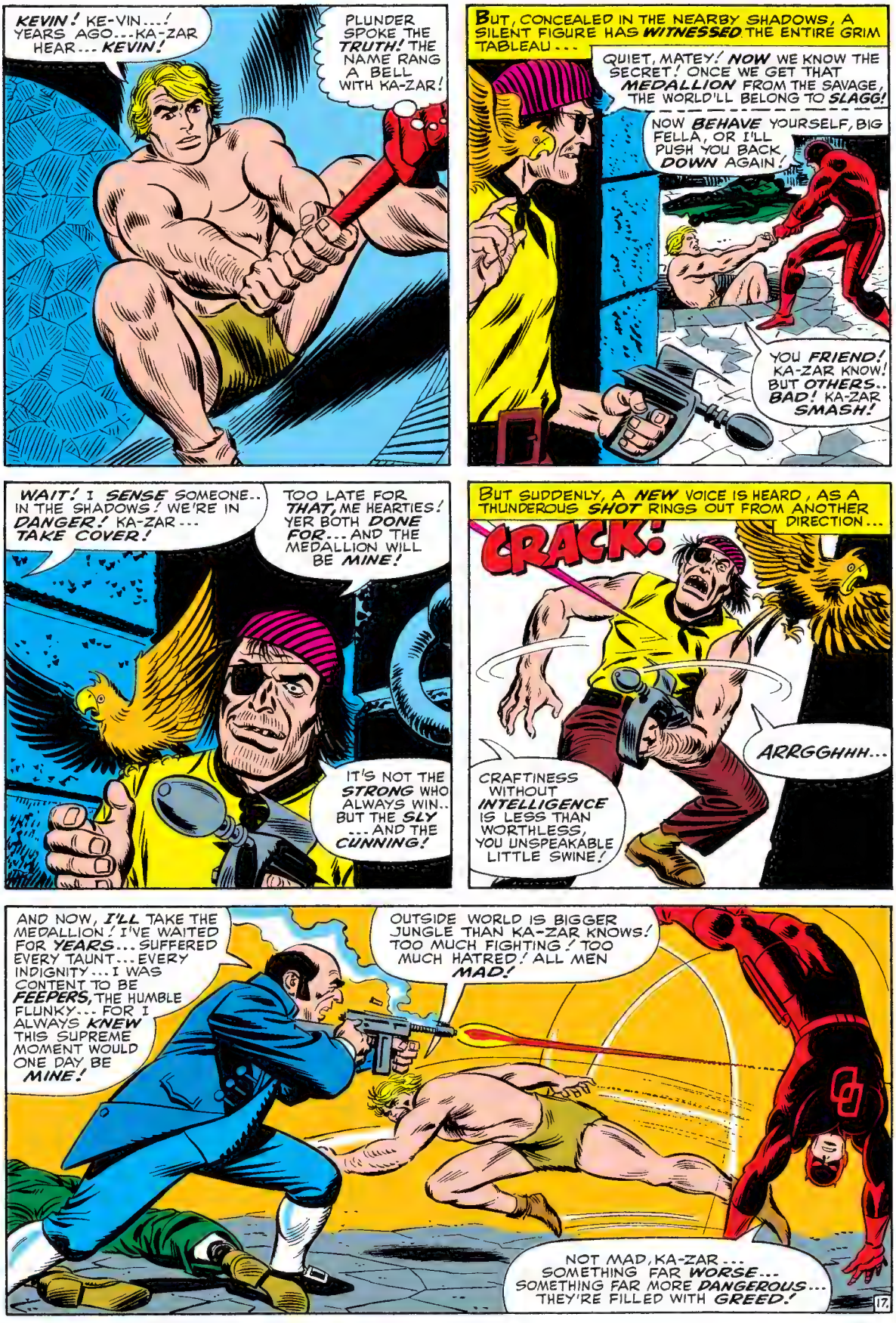
KEVIN! KE-VIN...! YEARS AGO...KA-ZAR HEAR... KEVIN!
PLUNDER SPOKE THE TRUTH! THE NAME RANG A BELL WITH KA-ZAR!
BUT, CONCEALED IN THE NEARBY SHADOWS, A SILENT FIGURE HAS WITNESSED THE ENTIRE GRIM TABLEAU...
QUIET, MATEY! NOW WE KNOW THE SECRET! ONCE WE GET THAT MEDALLION FROM THE SAVAGE, THE WORLD'LL BELONG TO SLAGG!
NOW BEHAVE YOURSELF, BIG FELLA, OR I'LL PUSH YOU BACK DOWN AGAIN!
YOU FRIEND! KA-ZAR KNOW! BUT OTHERS.. BAD! KA-ZAR SMASH!
WAIT! I SENSE SOMEONE.. IN THE SHADOWS! WE'RE IN DANGER! KA-ZAR... TAKE COVER!
TOO LATE FOR THAT, ME HEARTIES! YER BOTH DONE FOR... AND THE MEDALLION WILL BE MINE!
IT'S NOT THE STRONG WHO ALWAYS WIN.. BUT THE SLY ...AND THE CUNNING!
BUT SUDDENLY, A NEW VOICE IS HEARD, AS A THUNDEROUS SHOT RINGS OUT FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION...
CRACK!
ARRGGHHH...
CRAFTINESS WITHOUT INTELLIGENCE IS LESS THAN WORTHLESS, YOU UNSPEAKABLE LITTLE SWINE!
AND NOW, I'LL TAKE THE MEDALLION! I'VE WAITED FOR YEARS... SUFFERED EVERY TAUNT... EVERY INDIGNITY... I WAS CONTENT TO BE FEEPERS, THE HUMBLE FLUNKY... FOR I ALWAYS KNEW THIS SUPREME MOMENT WOULD ONE DAY BE MINE!
OUTSIDE WORLD IS BIGGER JUNGLE THAN KA-ZAR KNOWS! TOO MUCH FIGHTING! TOO MUCH HATRED! ALL MEN MAD!
NOT MAD, KA-ZAR... SOMETHING FAR WORSE... SOMETHING FAR MORE DANGEROUS... THEY'RE FILLED WITH GREED!
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AND, AS THE JUNGLE LORD DARTS AND DODGES LIKE A RAGE-FILLED TIGER, THE MEDALLION WITHIN HIS WAIST POUCH BEGINS TO VIBRATE, WITH EVER-INCREASING FORCE ...
ZZZZZZZZZ
THIK!
IK!
THIK!
THIK!
THIK
UNTIL...
KRRACK!
NO! NO! THE MEDALLION--- IT DESTROYED MY GUN! NOW I'M UNARMED! FACING THE SAVAGE... AND THE MASKED ADVENTURER... WITHOUT A WEAPON!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, FEEPERS! ONE GOOD THING ABOUT BEING A COWARDLY BUTTERBALL IS... IT ONLY HURTS FOR A SECOND, AND THEN IT'S ALL OVER! SEE?
KA-ZAR... WAIT! DON'T GO RUSHING BLINDLY AHEAD! LET ME GUIDE YOU!
KA-ZAR WAIT FOR NOTHING! SICK OF OUTSIDE WORLD! KA-ZAR RETURN TO JUNGLE HOME... KA-ZAR RETURN TO ZABU!
WAP!
CRASH!
NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU'RE THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME! YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER WHILE YOUR BROTHER LIVES! WAIT!
YOUR STRENGTH CAN'T SAVE YOU IN A WORLD OF GUNS AND TREACHERY! KA-ZAR... KA-ZAR--!
I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER HIM! HE NEEDS ME!
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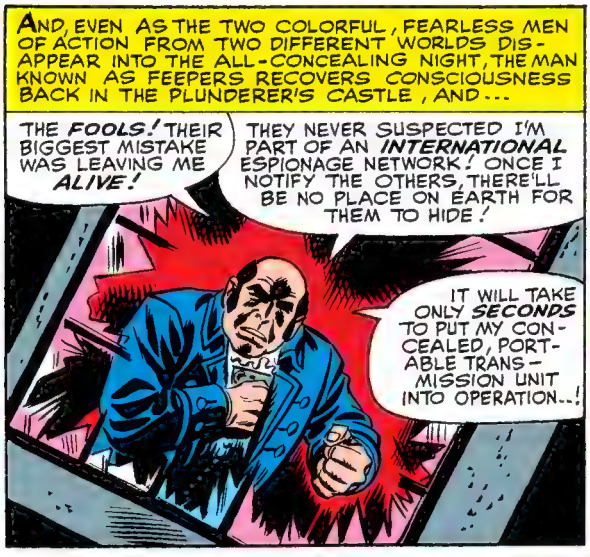
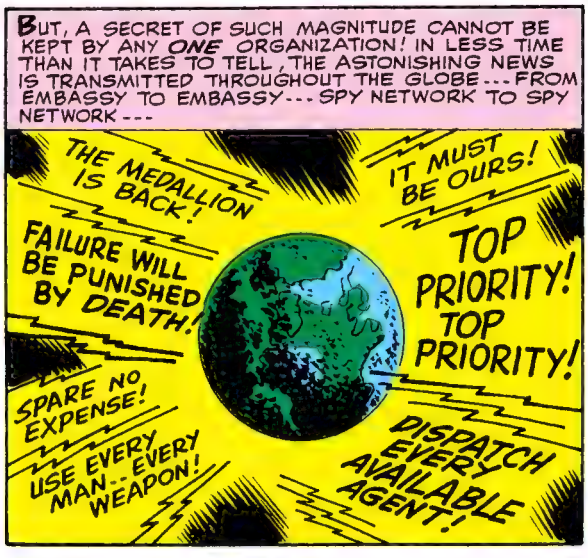
KA-ZAR--- WAIT! I WANT TO HELP YOU!
NONE HELP LORD OF JUNGLE! KA-ZAR MASTER OF ALL!

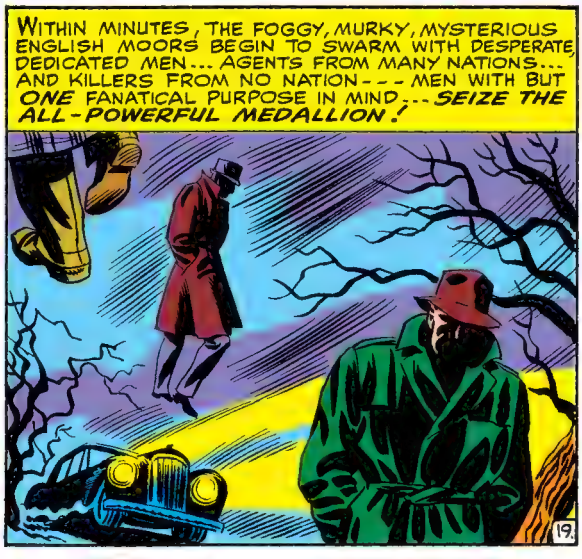
HE REALLY BELIEVES IT! HE THINKS HE CAN TAKE ON ANYONE--- OR ANYTHING!
AND, AFTER JUST A LITTLE SAMPLE OF HIS POWER... AND HIS COURAGE--- I ALMOST THINK HE CAN!

OKAY, NATURE BOY! IF I CAN'T GET YOU TO LISTEN TO REASON, I'LL JUST TAG ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
I'VE A FEELING THAT WHAT'S HAPPENED TILL NOW IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT'S IN STORE!


AND, EVEN AS THE TWO COLORFUL, FEARLESS MEN OF ACTION FROM TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS DISAPPEAR INTO THE ALL-CONCEALING NIGHT, THE MAN KNOWN AS FEEPERS RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS BACK IN THE PLUNDERER'S CASTLE, AND---
THE FOOLS! THEIR BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS LEAVING ME ALIVE!
THEY NEVER SUSPECTED I'M PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE NETWORK! ONCE I NOTIFY THE OTHERS, THERE'LL BE NO PLACE ON EARTH FOR THEM TO HIDE!
IT WILL TAKE ONLY SECONDS TO PUT MY CONCEALED, PORTABLE TRANSMISSION UNIT INTO OPERATION..!

RED ALERT! RED ALERT! F-18 CALLING HEADQUARTERS! MEDALLION IS BACK IN ENGLAND! INSTANT ACTION IMPERATIVE! DETAILS NOW FOLLOW! DETAILS NOW FOLLOW!
CLICK!


BUT, A SECRET OF SUCH MAGNITUDE CANNOT BE KEPT BY ANY ONE ORGANIZATION! IN LESS TIME THAN IT TAKES TO TELL, THE ASTONISHING NEWS IS TRANSMITTED THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE---FROM EMBASSY TO EMBASSY---SPY NETWORK TO SPY NETWORK---
THE MEDALLION IS BACK!
IT MUST BE OURS!
FAILURE WILL BE PUNISHED BY DEATH!
TOP PRIORITY! TOP PRIORITY!
SPARE NO EXPENSE!
USE EVERY MAN--EVERY WEAPON!
DISPATCH EVERY AVAILABLE AGENT!


WITHIN MINUTES, THE FOGGY, MURKY, MYSTERIOUS ENGLISH MOORS BEGIN TO SWARM WITH DESPERATE, DEDICATED MEN... AGENTS FROM MANY NATIONS... AND KILLERS FROM NO NATION---MEN WITH BUT ONE FANATICAL PURPOSE IN MIND---SEIZE THE ALL-POWERFUL MEDALLION!

AND, BACK IN THE CASTLE ONCE MORE, PARNIVAL PLUNDER FINDS THE BODY OF THE MAN CALLED SLAGG...
KA-ZAR AND DAREDEVIL GONE! SLAGG MURDERED!
ALL BECAUSE I WAS CARELESS...UNFORGIVABLY OVERCONFIDENT!
BUT, I STILL HAVE MY NAME... MY WITS! PERHAPS THE GAME STILL ISN'T ENDED FOR ME! THERE IS YET A CHANCE TO REGAIN THE MEDALLION!
AND, BEST OF ALL, IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT, I CAN HAVE THE POLICE DO THE JOB FOR ME!
THUS, SECONDS LATER, AT THE NEAREST CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT'S THAT, MILORD? A MURDER MOST FOUL? AT YOUR CASTLE? AND YOU SAY YOU KNOW WHO THE PERPETRATORS ARE?
I SHALL DISPATCH MY MEN AT ONCE, SIR! BUT FIRST...
DESCRIBE THE MURDERERS, IF YOU PLEASE! I SAY! ARE YOU QUITE CERTAIN, MILORD??
HOP TO IT, LADS! THERE IS A LOIN-CLOTHED WILD MAN LOOSE ON THE MOORS! AND A COSTUMED MURDERER WITH HIM!
THEY ARE BOTH DANGEROUS.. DEADLY! TAKE NO CHANCES! COVER EVERY INCH OF GROUND!
WHOEVER THEY ARE...THEY SHAN'T ESCAPE US!
BUT, BEFORE THE LOCAL POLICE CAN REACH THE SCENE, A HEAVILY-ARMED ESPIONAGE AGENT IS THE FIRST TO SIGHT THE HUNTED PAIR...
IT'S THEM! ONE RIFLE GRENADE SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
IF THE WILD MAN HAS THE MEDALLION, I'LL BE ABLE TO NAME MY OWN PRICE FOR DELIVERING IT!
BWOK!
THAT SOUND! FROM THE HILLS ABOVE! KA-ZAR... LOOK OUT..!
BUT, EVEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERED FUGITIVES CAN'T OUTRUN A HIGH-VELOCITY EXPLOSIVE, AND SO... A SPLIT-SECOND LATER...
WHOOOM!
BE OF STOUT HEART, MARVELITE! THE BEST IS YET TO BE! NEXT ISH WILL FEATURE THRILLS, FANTASY, AND SURPRISES AS YOU LIKE THEM! WE KNOW... BECAUSE WE LIKE 'EM THAT WAY, TOO! SO JOIN US AGAIN FOR DD #14, WHEN WE REALLY TEAR THE LID OFF! 'NUFF SAID!
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HERE COMES...
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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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"IF THIS BE JUSTICE!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"IF THIS BE JUSTICE....!"
WHEN A MAN FACES DEATH, THEY SAY THAT HIS PAST FLASHES BEFORE HIM! AS A HIGH-VELOCITY RIFLE GRENADE EXPLODES NEAR DAREDEVIL AND KA-ZAR, EACH SEES AN IMAGE IN HIS MIND'S EYE! FOR KA-ZAR, IT IS THE FACE OF LORD PARNIVAL PLUNDER, THE JUNGLE MONARCH'S EVIL BROTHER --WHILE DAREDEVIL "SEES" THE VISAGES OF FOGGY NELSON AND KAREN PAGE, THE TWO PEOPLE WHO MATTER MOST IN ALL THE WORLD TO HIM--!
IF KA-ZAR DIES, BROTHER WILL STEAL MEDALLION! SO, KA-ZAR MUST LIVE! LIVE!
IS THIS THE END? WILL I NEVER SEE FOGGY--OR KAREN--AGAIN?
ANOTHER MIGHTY MARVEL MOVIE-LENGTH BOMB-SHELL!
STORY..... STAN LEE
PENCILLING.... JOHN ROMITA
INKING..... FRANKIE RAY
ALL THE ABOVE, PLUS:
LETTERING.... ARTIE SIMEK
--WHAT MORE COULD A MARVELITE WANT?!
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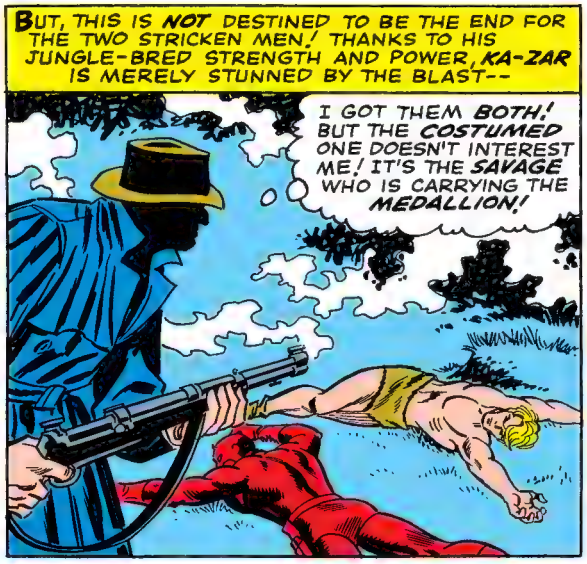
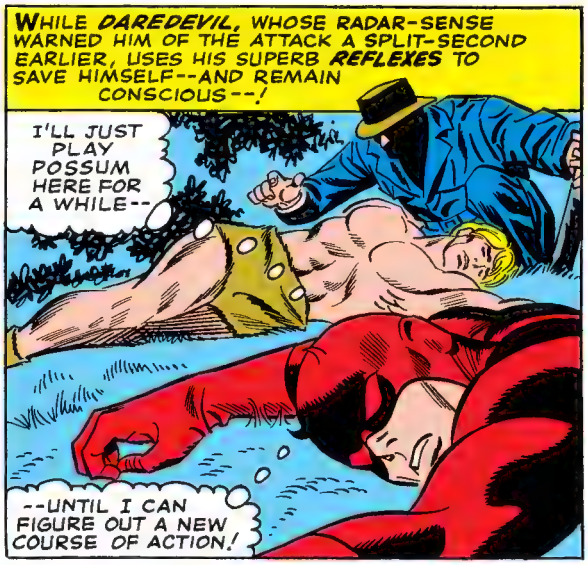
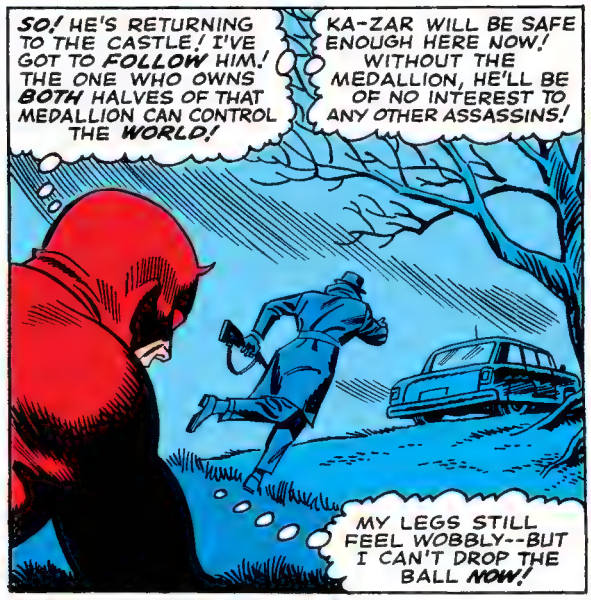
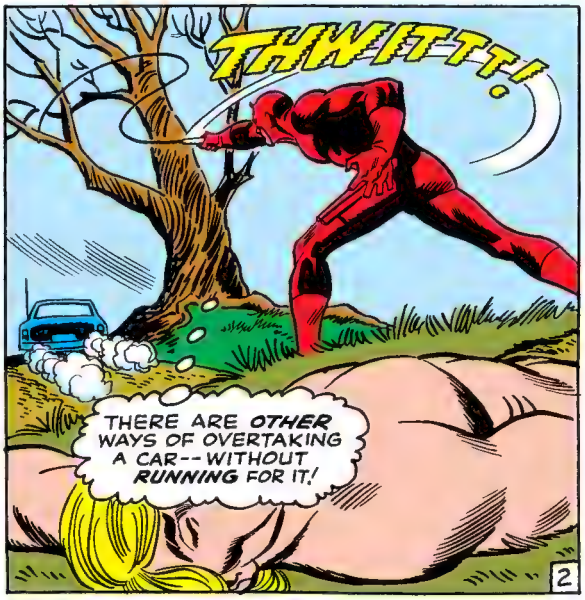

BUT, THIS IS NOT DESTINED TO BE THE END FOR THE TWO STRICKEN MEN! THANKS TO HIS JUNGLE-BRED STRENGTH AND POWER, KA-ZAR IS MERELY STUNNED BY THE BLAST--
I GOT THEM BOTH! BUT THE COSTUMED ONE DOESN'T INTEREST ME! IT'S THE SAVAGE WHO IS CARRYING THE MEDALLION!


WHILE DAREDEVIL, WHOSE RADAR-SENSE WARNED HIM OF THE ATTACK A SPLIT-SECOND EARLIER, USES HIS SUPERB REFLEXES TO SAVE HIMSELF--AND REMAIN CONSCIOUS--!
I'LL JUST PLAY POSSUM HERE FOR A WHILE--
--UNTIL I CAN FIGURE OUT A NEW COURSE OF ACTION!

FEEPERS WAS RIGHT! KA-ZAR HAD THE OTHER HALF OF THE MEDALLION ON HIM!
HE WILL REWARD ME HANDSOMELY FOR THIS!
I MUST CALL HIM AT ONCE, TO NOTIFY HIM OF THE GOOD NEWS!

FEEPERS? BOSWELL HERE! I'VE OBTAINED ITEM M! AWAIT NEW INSTRUCTIONS! OVER--!
BRING IT TO ME AT ONCE, YOU IDIOT!! EVERY EXTRA SECOND I REMAIN IN LORD PLUNDER'S CASTLE, I RISK BEING DISCOVERED! OUT!


SO! HE'S RETURNING TO THE CASTLE! I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW HIM! THE ONE WHO OWNS BOTH HALVES OF THAT MEDALLION CAN CONTROL THE WORLD!
KA-ZAR WILL BE SAFE ENOUGH HERE NOW! WITHOUT THE MEDALLION, HE'LL BE OF NO INTEREST TO ANY OTHER ASSASSINS!
MY LEGS STILL FEEL WOBBLY--BUT I CAN'T DROP THE BALL NOW!


THWIPTT!
THERE ARE OTHER WAYS OF OVERTAKING A CAR--WITHOUT RUNNING FOR IT!
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I TIMED IT JUST RIGHT! I CAN HEAR HIM DIRECTLY BELOW ME!
RRRRRR
LUCKILY, HIS HIGH-POWERED ENGINE IS ROARING SO LOUD--
RRRRRRRRRRRR
--THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MISS IT EVEN IF I HAD ONLY NORMAL HEARING!
AND, BEST OF ALL, IT'S CERTAIN TO DROWN OUT THE SOFT SOUND OF MY LANDING ON HIS ROOF!
WELL, THAT DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG!
BUT, FROM HERE ON, I'LL PROCEED UNDER MY OWN POWER!
WITHIN SECONDS, THE DAUNTLESS ADVENTURER REACHES A HIGH CASTLE LEDGE...
...FROM WHICH THE SOUND OF VOICES GUIDES HIM, AS A BEACON WOULD GUIDE A SIGHTED MAN!
NO, MILORD-- NO! I HAVE DONE NOTHING! I AM INNOCENT!
SILENCE, YOU TRAITOROUS SWINE!
THE VOICES OF PLUNDER --AND HIS BUTLER, FEEPERS!
SO! PLUNDER HAS FINALLY LEARNED OF FEEPERS' TREACHERY!
YOU WERE AFTER THE MEDALLION, TOO! ADMIT IT, YOU SWINE-- ADMIT IT!
NO, MILORD-- NO!
I'LL GET THE TRUTH IF I HAVE TO BEAT IT OUT OF YOU! I FOUND THE SHORT-WAVE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE IN YOUR ROOM--AS WELL AS THE CODE BOOKS--AND THE WEAPONS!
MERELY A HOBBY OF MINE, MILORD! NOTHING MORE-- I SWEAR TO YOU--!
YOU'RE STALLING! BUT IT WON'T HELP! YOU CAN'T WORM YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS NOW!
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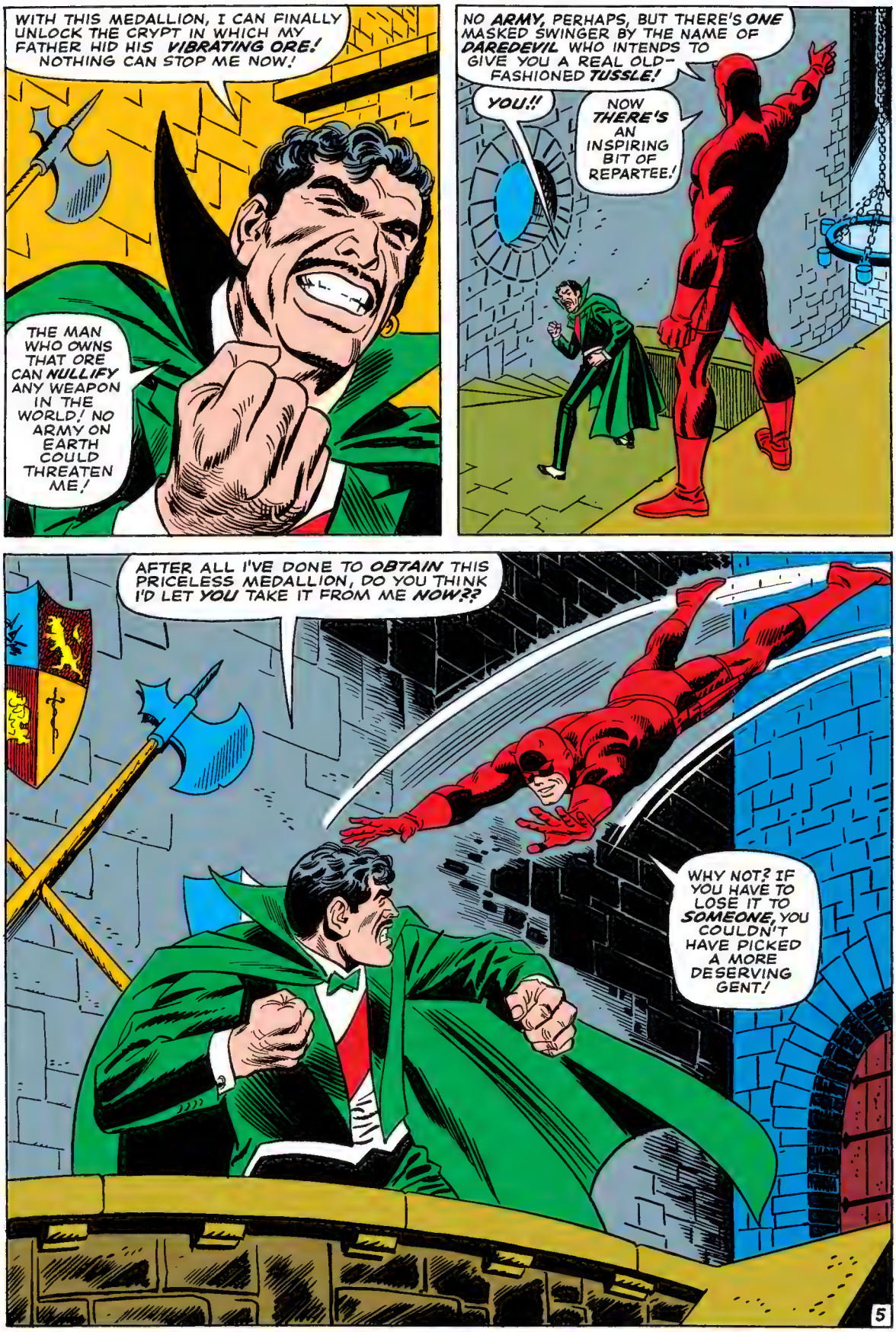
BOTH HALVES OF THAT MEDALLION ARE THE KEY TO THE GREATEST PROTECTIVE WEAPON IN THE WORLD! ONCE I GET MY BROTHER KA-ZAR'S HALF, I'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN ON EARTH!
LET GO OF HIM, PLUNDER! I'VE A GUN AT YOUR BACK!
DO YOU THINK I'D LET A SNIVELING NOBODY WITH A GUN STOP ME??
BOSWELL! AT LAST! SHOOT HIM, MAN-- SHOOT!
NOT YET! NOT TILL YOU PROMISE TO DOUBLE MY PAYMENT! WELL, WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER?
ANYTHING! I'LL PAY YOU ANY-THING! JUST SAVE ME FROM PLUNDER!
THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE, YOU PEASANTS!
PEASANTS, ARE WE? OH--NO!!
ARRHHHHH--!
THOK!
HE FLIPPED BACK--OUT OF RANGE!
COULDN'T STOP MYSELF! I GOT FEEPERS, INSTEAD!
PTAK!
THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY TASK STILL EASIER FOR ME, YOU FOOL!
AHH! YOU HAD THE OTHER HALF OF THE MEDALLION! THAT MEANS YOU MUST ALSO HAVE SLAIN MY UNFORTUNATE BROTHER!
KA-ZAR WOULD NEVER HAVE SURRENDERED IT WHILE HE LIVED!
BUT, THE IMPOR-TANT THING IS THAT I NOW POSSESS THE COMPLETE MEDALLION!
AND, WITH IT, THE MOST AWESOME DEGREE OF POWER ANY HUMAN HAS EVER KNOWN!
HE HAS A HEART OF STONE! THE "DEATH" OF HIS BROTHER MEANS NOTHING TO HIM!


WITH THIS MEDALLION, I CAN FINALLY UNLOCK THE CRYPT IN WHICH MY FATHER HID HIS VIBRATING ORE! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!
THE MAN WHO OWNS THAT ORE CAN NULLIFY ANY WEAPON IN THE WORLD! NO ARMY ON EARTH COULD THREATEN ME!
NO ARMY, PERHAPS, BUT THERE'S ONE MASKED SWINGER BY THE NAME OF DAREDEVIL WHO INTENDS TO GIVE YOU A REAL OLD-FASHIONED TUSSLE!
YOU!!
NOW THERE'S AN INSPIRING BIT OF REPARTEE!
AFTER ALL I'VE DONE TO OBTAIN THIS PRICELESS MEDALLION, DO YOU THINK I'D LET YOU TAKE IT FROM ME NOW??
WHY NOT? IF YOU HAVE TO LOSE IT TO SOMEONE, YOU COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A MORE DESERVING GENT!

BUT, MOVING WITH UNEXPECTED SPEED, THE MAN KNOWN AS THE PLUNDERER WHIPS OFF HIS CAPE, AND--
HAH! YOUR FLIPPANCY IS NO MATCH FOR MY SKILL!
THUD!
HIS SWIRLING CLOAK CONFUSED MY RADAR SENSE--I MISJUDGED THE DISTANCE--!
AND NOW TO DISPOSE OF YOU PERMANENTLY! FAREWELL, MEDDLER!
FORGIVE ME, PLUNDER--I HATE SENTIMENTAL GOOD-BYES!
WHEW!= IF I'D BEEN A SECOND SLOWER, I'D BE WEARING A TWO-PIECE COSTUME NOW!
WHOOSH!
WAIT! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO HIS BATTLE-AX! MY RADAR SENSE IS LOSING IT!
I FORGOT! THE MEDALLION I CARRY! ITS UNCANNY POWER IS CAUSING THE METAL WEAPON TO BECOME ATOMIZED!
AND THEN, FROM BELOW--A VOICE RINGS OUT--
LORD PLUNDER! WE HAVE CAPTURED THE MURDEROUS SAVAGE YOU WARNED US OF!
THE POLICE!
EXCELLENT, CONSTABLES! AND I HAVE THE OTHER KILLER AT BAY!
JOLLY GOOD THING HE WAS STUNNED, TOO, MILORD!
ELSE, WE'D NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUBDUE THE BRUTE!
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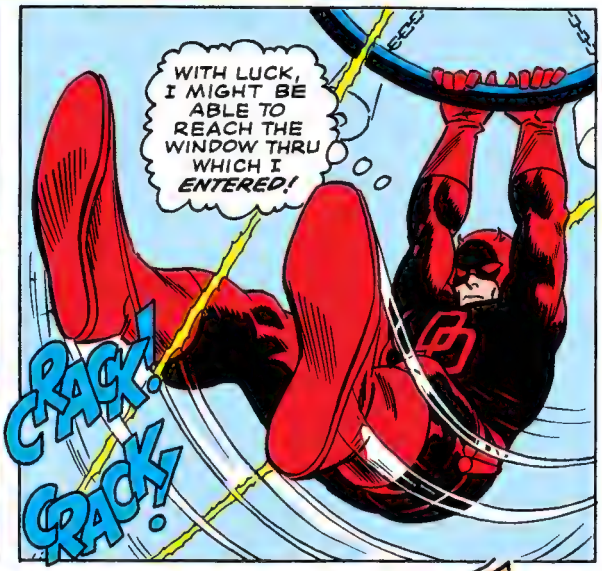
PLUNDER MUST HAVE ACCUSED KA-ZAR AND ME OF THE MURDER OF SLAGG!* AND THE OFFICERS HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT HIS WORD!
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!
DAREDEVIL WAS THREATENING MY LIFE!
*AS SEEN LAST ISH! IF YOU MISSED IT, DON'T WORRY! WE WON'T MENTION IT AGAIN! --CONSIDERATE STAN!

WITH PLUNDER LYING AGAINST HIS BROTHER, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN TO HIM!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP KA-ZAR!

BUT, ONLY IF I'M FREE!
STOP HIM! HE MUST NOT GET AWAY!
DO NOT WORRY, MILORD! HE SHAN'T ESCAPE US!


WITH LUCK, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO REACH THE WINDOW THRU WHICH I ENTERED!
CRACK!
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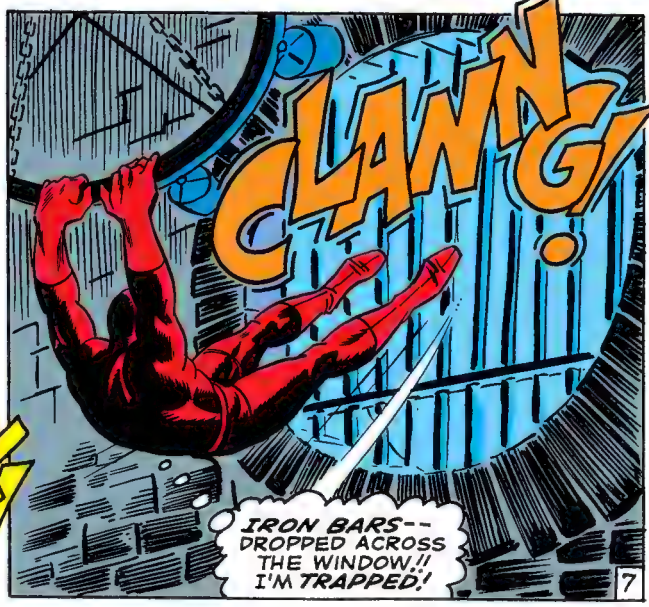
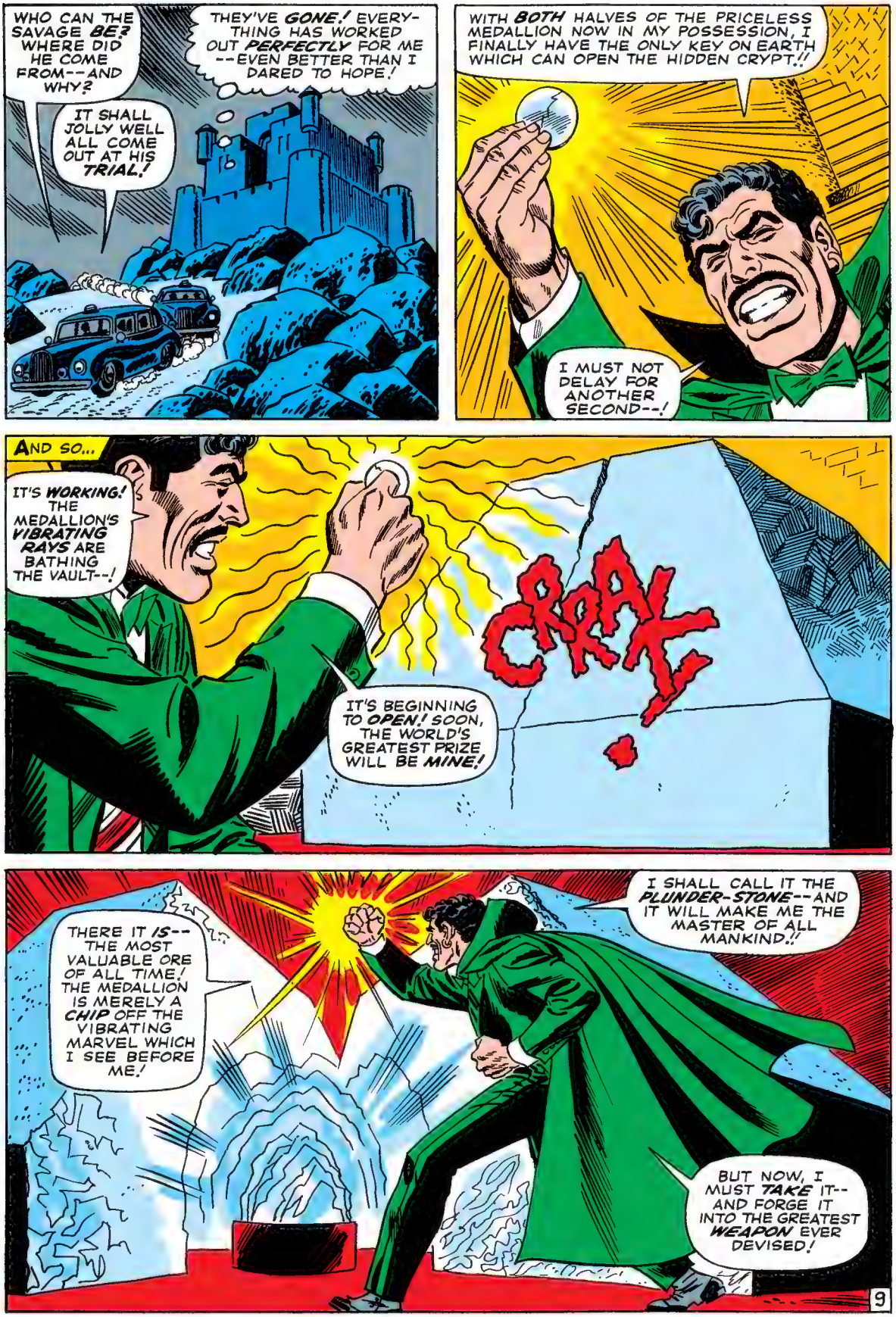
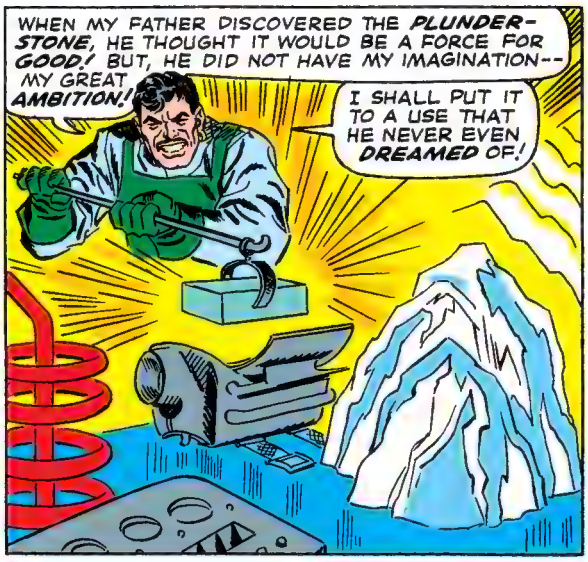
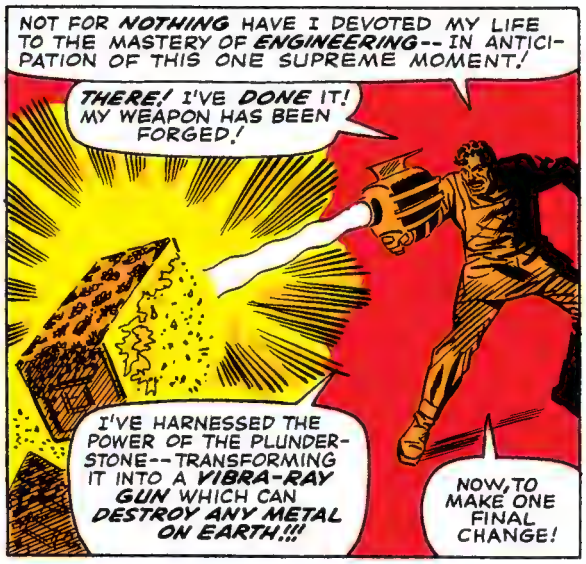
YOU WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME, MASKED MAN!
RRRRAK!

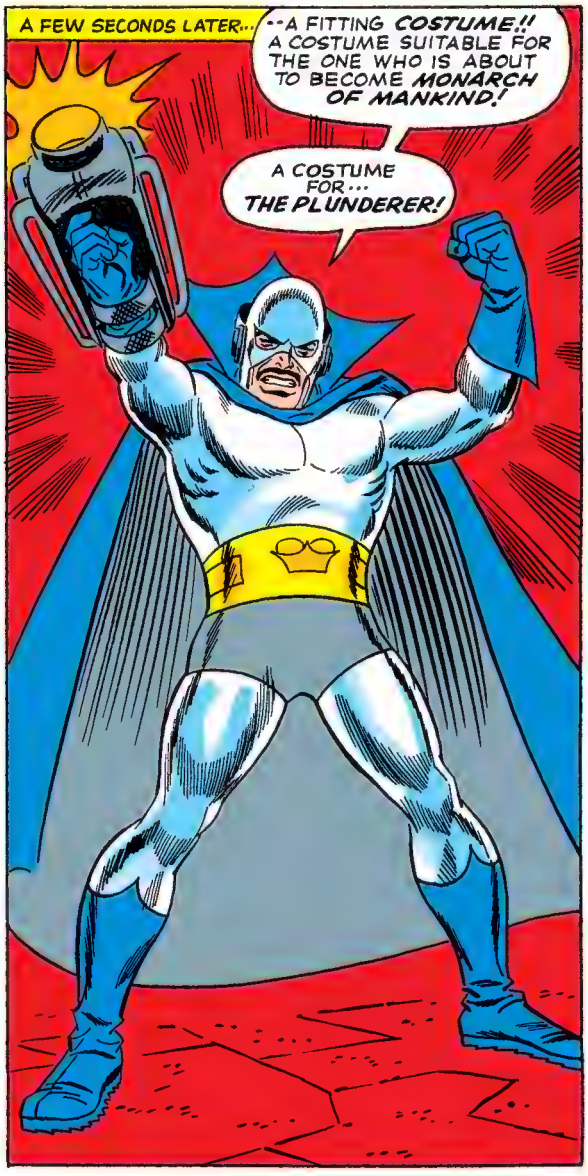

CLANNG!
IRON BARS--- DROPPED ACROSS THE WINDOW!! I'M TRAPPED!

WAIT! I SENSE ANOTHER WINDOW HERE ON MY BACK-SWING! IF I CAN REACH IT IN TIME--!
THAT WINDOW HAS NO BARS! IF HE MAKES IT, HE'LL CRASH THRU--TO SAFETY!
I'M ACHING TO GO AFTER HIM MYSELF--BUT I CANNOT LET THE POLICE SUSPECT HOW TRULY POWERFUL I AM! IT MIGHT AROUSE SOME SUSPICIONS ABOUT MY OTHER ACTIVITIES!
SPACK!
CRACK!
BLIMY! HE'S SPEEDY AS A HARE, THAT ONE!
DAREDEVIL! I'D READ ABOUT HIM IN THE AMERICAN JOURNALS, BUT THOUGHT THEY PUT IT ON A BIT THICK!
KUH-RASH!
I DID IT!
NOW, IF I CAN MAKE IT ACROSS THE MOAT, I'LL HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE!
SPLOOSH!
HE WON'T GET FAR, MILORD! WE'RE SURE TO FIND HIM!
AFTER HIM--QUICKLY!
WHAT DOES IT MATTER NOW? I ALREADY HAVE WHAT I WANT!
YOU HAD BEST REMOVE THAT SAVAGE TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR SAFE-KEEPING, LEST HE ATTACK ANY OTHER INNOCENT PERSON!
IMMEDIATELY, MILORD!
FAREWELL, DEAR BROTHER! YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR PURPOSE ADMIRABLY!
TAKE WARNING! KA-ZAR HAVE REVENGE! KA-ZAR NEVER FORGET!

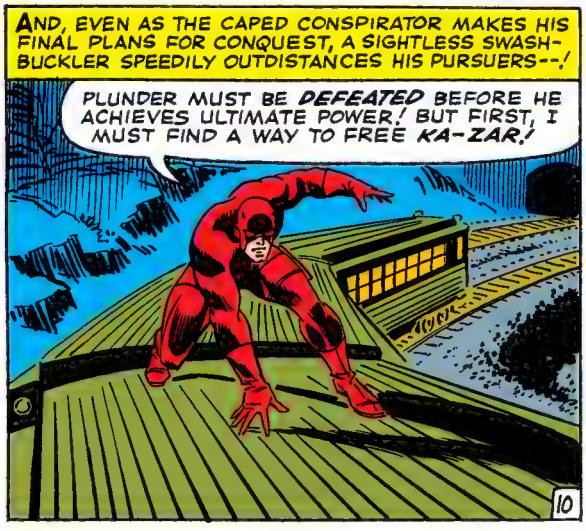

WHO CAN THE SAVAGE BE? WHERE DID HE COME FROM--AND WHY?
IT SHALL JOLLY WELL ALL COME OUT AT HIS TRIAL!
THEY'VE GONE! EVERYTHING HAS WORKED OUT PERFECTLY FOR ME --EVEN BETTER THAN I DARED TO HOPE!
WITH BOTH HALVES OF THE PRICELESS MEDALLION NOW IN MY POSSESSION, I FINALLY HAVE THE ONLY KEY ON EARTH WHICH CAN OPEN THE HIDDEN CRYPT!!
I MUST NOT DELAY FOR ANOTHER SECOND--!
AND SO...
IT'S WORKING! THE MEDALLION'S VIBRATING RAYS ARE BATHING THE VAULT--!
CRRAK
IT'S BEGINNING TO OPEN! SOON, THE WORLD'S GREATEST PRIZE WILL BE MINE!
THERE IT IS-- THE MOST VALUABLE ORE OF ALL TIME! THE MEDALLION IS MERELY A CHIP OFF THE VIBRATING MARVEL WHICH I SEE BEFORE ME!
I SHALL CALL IT THE PLUNDER-STONE--AND IT WILL MAKE ME THE MASTER OF ALL MANKIND!!
BUT NOW, I MUST TAKE IT-- AND FORGE IT INTO THE GREATEST WEAPON EVER DEVISED!

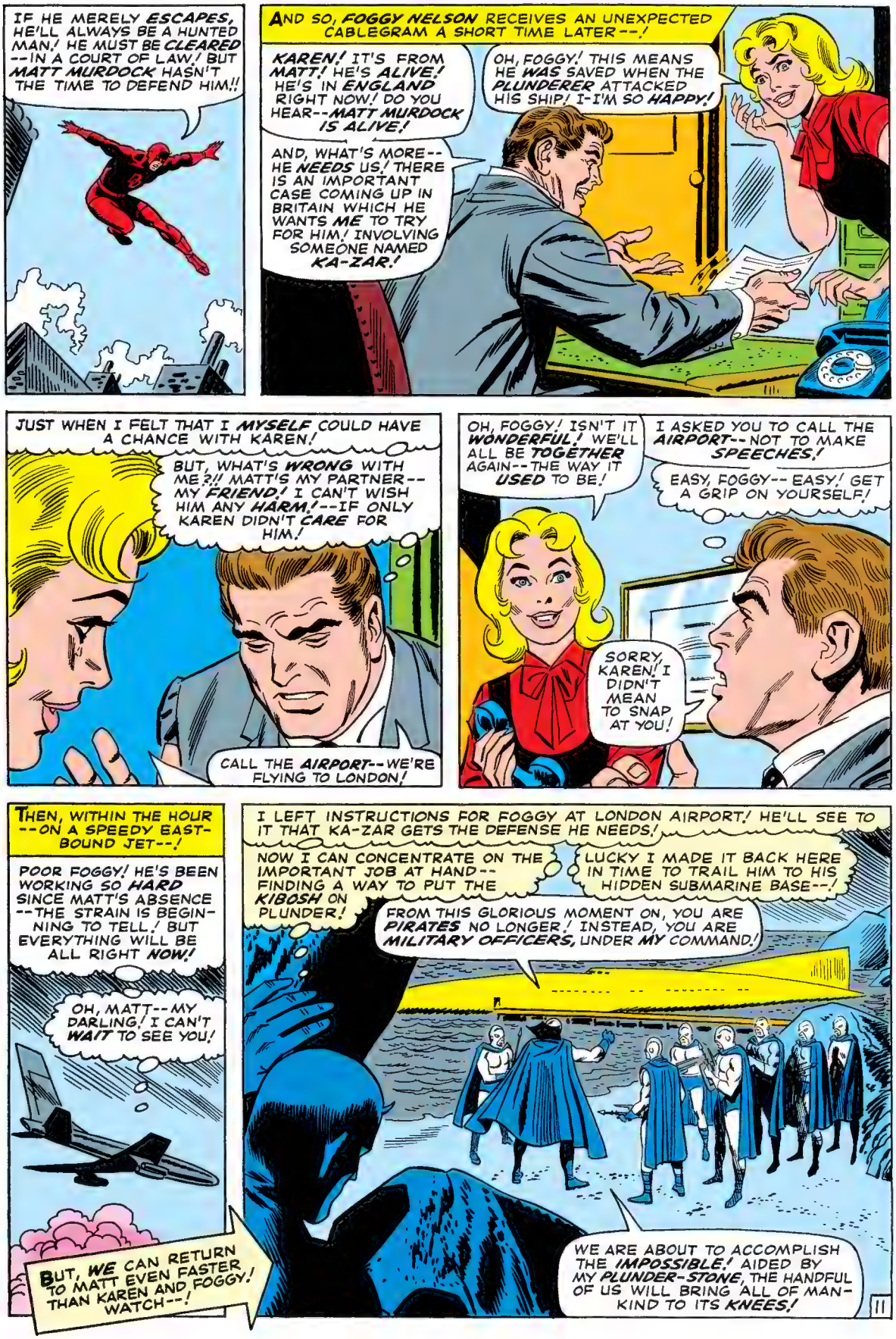

WHEN MY FATHER DISCOVERED THE PLUNDER-STONE, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A FORCE FOR GOOD! BUT, HE DID NOT HAVE MY IMAGINATION--MY GREAT AMBITION!
I SHALL PUT IT TO A USE THAT HE NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF!


NOT FOR NOTHING HAVE I DEVOTED MY LIFE TO THE MASTERY OF ENGINEERING--IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS ONE SUPREME MOMENT!
THERE! I'VE DONE IT! MY WEAPON HAS BEEN FORGED!
I'VE HARNESSED THE POWER OF THE PLUNDER-STONE--TRANSFORMING IT INTO A VIBRA-RAY GUN WHICH CAN DESTROY ANY METAL ON EARTH!!!
NOW, TO MAKE ONE FINAL CHANGE!


A FEW SECONDS LATER...
--A FITTING COSTUME!! A COSTUME SUITABLE FOR THE ONE WHO IS ABOUT TO BECOME MONARCH OF MANKIND!
A COSTUME FOR... THE PLUNDERER!

THUS, THE MAD PLAN OF LORD PARNIVAL PLUNDER NEARS ITS FANTASTIC FRUITION! BUT, ONE STEPPING STONE STILL REMAINS!! ONE THERE IS WHO HAS NOT YET BEEN DISPOSED OF! AND WELL DOES PLUNDER KNOW IT--!
THUS FAR, ONLY DAREDEVIL HAS MANAGED TO THWART ME AT EVERY TURN! BUT, EVEN HE CANNOT STOP ME NOW!


AND, EVEN AS THE CAPED CONSPIRATOR MAKES HIS FINAL PLANS FOR CONQUEST, A SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER SPEEDILY OUTDISTANCES HIS PURSUERS--!
PLUNDER MUST BE DEFEATED BEFORE HE ACHIEVES ULTIMATE POWER! BUT FIRST, I MUST FIND A WAY TO FREE KA-ZAR!


IF HE MERELY ESCAPES, HE'LL ALWAYS BE A HUNTED MAN! HE MUST BE CLEARED --IN A COURT OF LAW! BUT MATT MURDOCK HASN'T THE TIME TO DEFEND HIM!!
AND SO, FOGGY NELSON RECEIVES AN UNEXPECTED CABLEGRAM A SHORT TIME LATER--!
KAREN! IT'S FROM MATT! HE'S ALIVE! HE'S IN ENGLAND RIGHT NOW! DO YOU HEAR--MATT MURDOCK IS ALIVE!
OH, FOGGY! THIS MEANS HE WAS SAVED WHEN THE PLUNDERER ATTACKED HIS SHIP! I-I'M SO HAPPY!
AND, WHAT'S MORE--HE NEEDS US! THERE IS AN IMPORTANT CASE COMING UP IN BRITAIN WHICH HE WANTS ME TO TRY FOR HIM! INVOLVING SOMEONE NAMED KA-ZAR!
JUST WHEN I FELT THAT I MYSELF COULD HAVE A CHANCE WITH KAREN!
BUT, WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?!! MATT'S MY PARTNER--MY FRIEND! I CAN'T WISH HIM ANY HARM!--IF ONLY KAREN DIDN'T CARE FOR HIM!
CALL THE AIRPORT--WE'RE FLYING TO LONDON!
OH, FOGGY! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL! WE'LL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN--THE WAY IT USED TO BE!
I ASKED YOU TO CALL THE AIRPORT--NOT TO MAKE SPEECHES!
EASY, FOGGY--EASY! GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!
SORRY, KAREN! I DIDN'T MEAN TO SNAP AT YOU!
THEN, WITHIN THE HOUR --ON A SPEEDY EAST-BOUND JET--!
POOR FOGGY! HE'S BEEN WORKING SO HARD SINCE MATT'S ABSENCE --THE STRAIN IS BEGINNING TO TELL! BUT EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT NOW!
OH, MATT--MY DARLING! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!
BUT, WE CAN RETURN TO MATT EVEN FASTER THAN KAREN AND FOGGY! WATCH--!
I LEFT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOGGY AT LONDON AIRPORT! HE'LL SEE TO IT THAT KA-ZAR GETS THE DEFENSE HE NEEDS!
NOW I CAN CONCENTRATE ON THE IMPORTANT JOB AT HAND--FINDING A WAY TO PUT THE KIBOSH ON PLUNDER!
LUCKY I MADE IT BACK HERE IN TIME TO TRAIL HIM TO HIS HIDDEN SUBMARINE BASE--!
FROM THIS GLORIOUS MOMENT ON, YOU ARE PIRATES NO LONGER! INSTEAD, YOU ARE MILITARY OFFICERS, UNDER MY COMMAND!
WE ARE ABOUT TO ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE! AIDED BY MY PLUNDER-STONE, THE HANDFUL OF US WILL BRING ALL OF MANKIND TO ITS KNEES!
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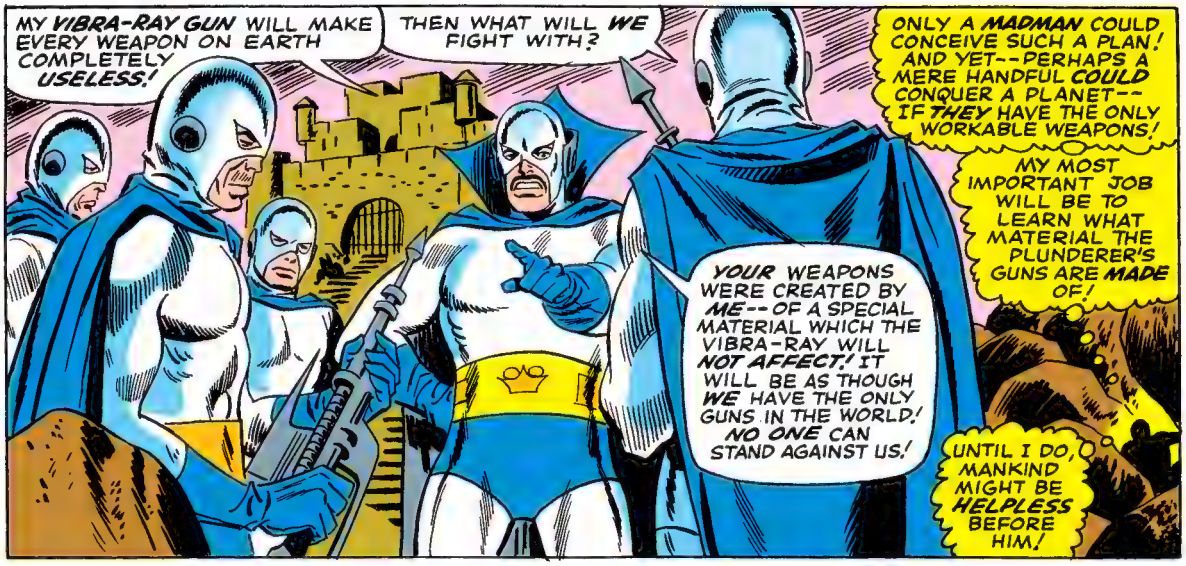
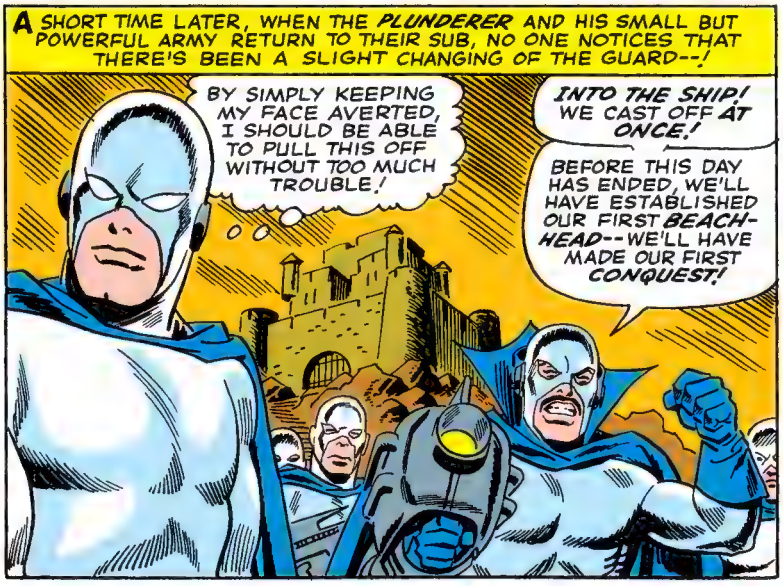
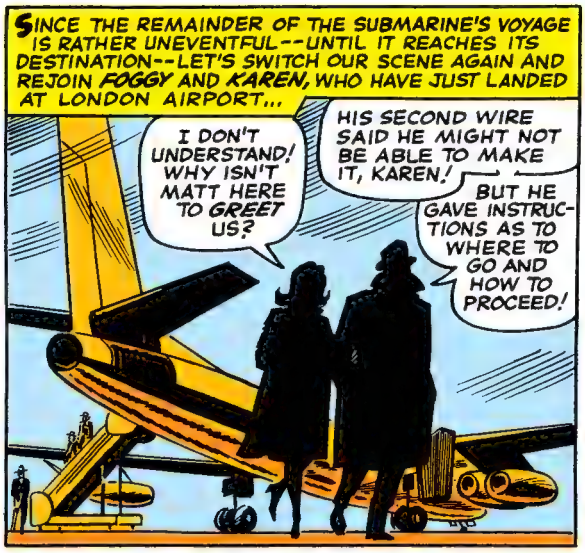

MY VIBRA-RAY GUN WILL MAKE EVERY WEAPON ON EARTH COMPLETELY USELESS!
THEN WHAT WILL WE FIGHT WITH?
ONLY A MADMAN COULD CONCEIVE SUCH A PLAN! AND YET--PERHAPS A MERE HANDFUL COULD CONQUER A PLANET--IF THEY HAVE THE ONLY WORKABLE WEAPONS!
MY MOST IMPORTANT JOB WILL BE TO LEARN WHAT MATERIAL THE PLUNDERER'S GUNS ARE MADE OF!
YOUR WEAPONS WERE CREATED BY ME--OF A SPECIAL MATERIAL WHICH THE VIBRA-RAY WILL NOT AFFECT! IT WILL BE AS THOUGH WE HAVE THE ONLY GUNS IN THE WORLD! NO ONE CAN STAND AGAINST US!
UNTIL I DO, MANKIND MIGHT BE HELPLESS BEFORE HIM!

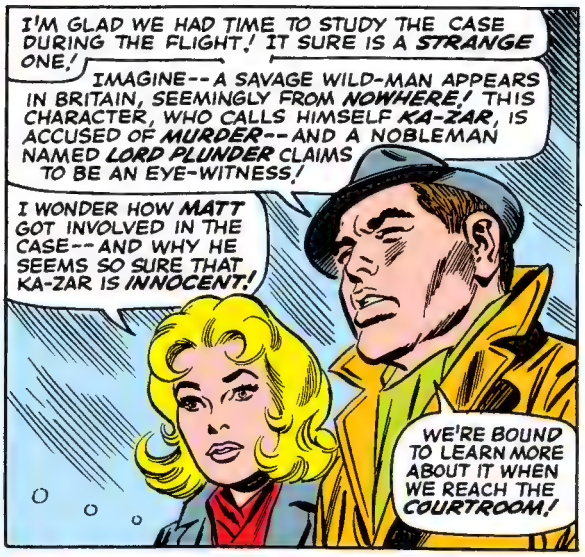
NOW FOLLOW ME! IT IS TIME TO MAKE OUR FINAL PREPARATIONS!
HE'S LEAVING! BUT HE STATIONED ONE TO STAY BEHIND AND GUARD THE SUB!
AND THAT LONE JOKER IS MY TICKET TO HIS LITTLE PARTY!
I'VE JUST GOT TO WAIT TILL PLUNDER IS OUT OF EARSHOT!

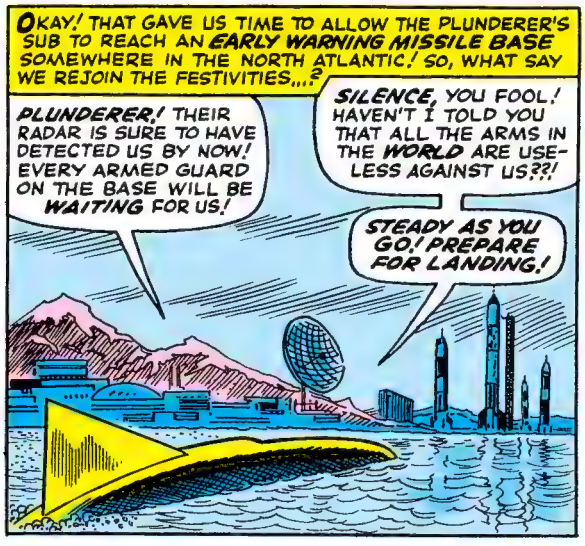
AND SO IT COMES TO PASS, EXACTLY TWENTY-THREE AND A HALF SECONDS LATER...
SAY, CHARLIE--I HAVE A MESSAGE I'D LIKE DELIVERED TO THE PLUNDERER--!
WOK!
THANKS FOR TURNING AROUND, OLD TOP! I HATE BOPPING BAD BOYS FROM BEHIND!
WHA--? OOOHHH--!
DON'T MUMBLE, LAD! IF YOU'VE SOMETHING TO SAY, SAY IT!

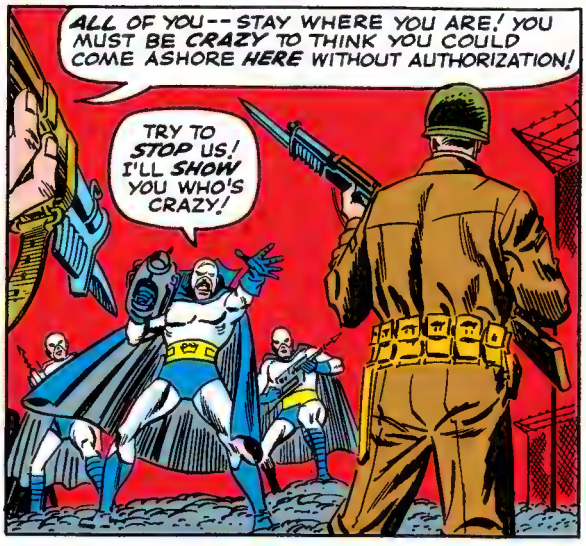

A SHORT TIME LATER, WHEN THE PLUNDERER AND HIS SMALL BUT POWERFUL ARMY RETURN TO THEIR SUB, NO ONE NOTICES THAT THERE'S BEEN A SLIGHT CHANGING OF THE GUARD--!
BY SIMPLY KEEPING MY FACE AVERTED, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PULL THIS OFF WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE!
INTO THE SHIP! WE CAST OFF AT ONCE!
BEFORE THIS DAY HAS ENDED, WE'LL HAVE ESTABLISHED OUR FIRST BEACH-HEAD--WE'LL HAVE MADE OUR FIRST CONQUEST!

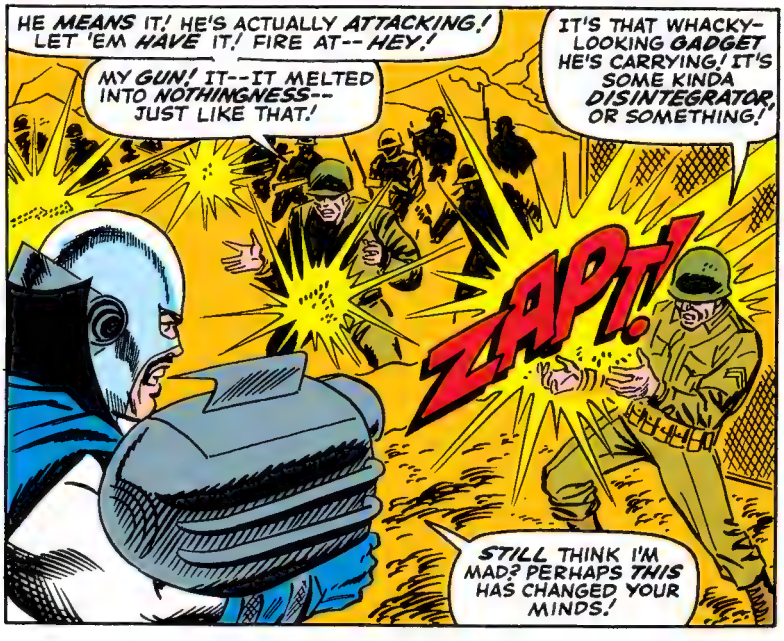
AND SO, THE FATEFUL VOYAGE BEGINS--WITH ONE UNINVITED PASSENGER ABOARD THE SILENT UNDERSEA STALKER...!
THERE'LL BE NO TURNING BACK NOW! I'VE GOT TO SEE THIS THRU--TO THE END!


SINCE THE REMAINDER OF THE SUBMARINE'S VOYAGE IS RATHER UNEVENTFUL--UNTIL IT REACHES ITS DESTINATION--LET'S SWITCH OUR SCENE AGAIN AND REJOIN FOGGY AND KAREN, WHO HAVE JUST LANDED AT LONDON AIRPORT...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY ISN'T MATT HERE TO GREET US?
HIS SECOND WIRE SAID HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT, KAREN!
BUT HE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHERE TO GO AND HOW TO PROCEED!

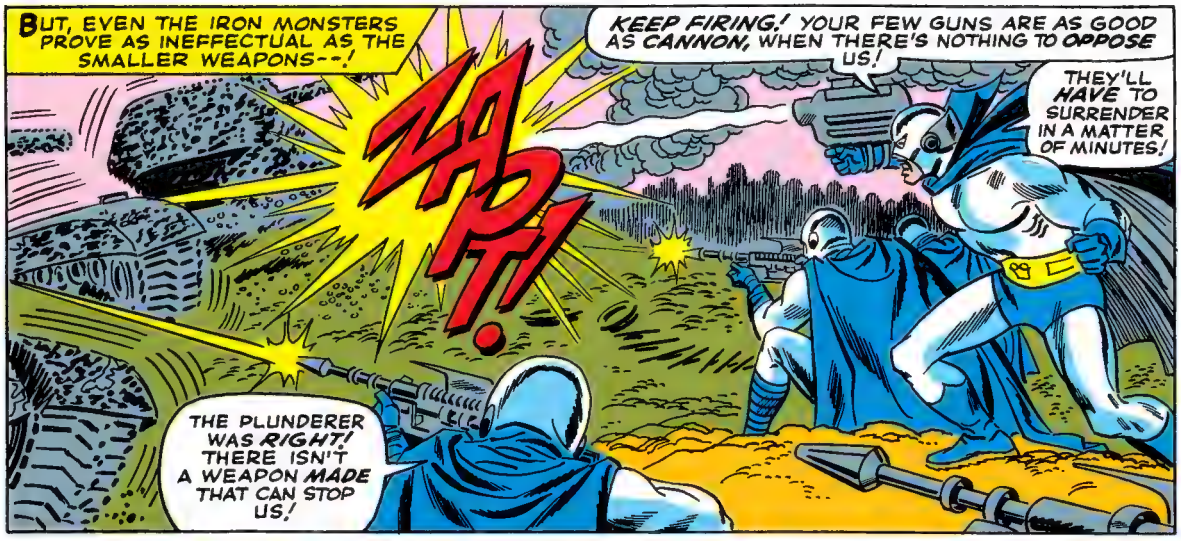

I'M GLAD WE HAD TIME TO STUDY THE CASE DURING THE FLIGHT! IT SURE IS A STRANGE ONE!
IMAGINE--A SAVAGE WILD-MAN APPEARS IN BRITAIN, SEEMINGLY FROM NOWHERE! THIS CHARACTER, WHO CALLS HIMSELF KA-ZAR, IS ACCUSED OF MURDER--AND A NOBLEMAN NAMED LORD PLUNDER CLAIMS TO BE AN EYE-WITNESS!
I WONDER HOW MATT GOT INVOLVED IN THE CASE--AND WHY HE SEEMS SO SURE THAT KA-ZAR IS INNOCENT!
WE'RE BOUND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT WHEN WE REACH THE COURTROOM!

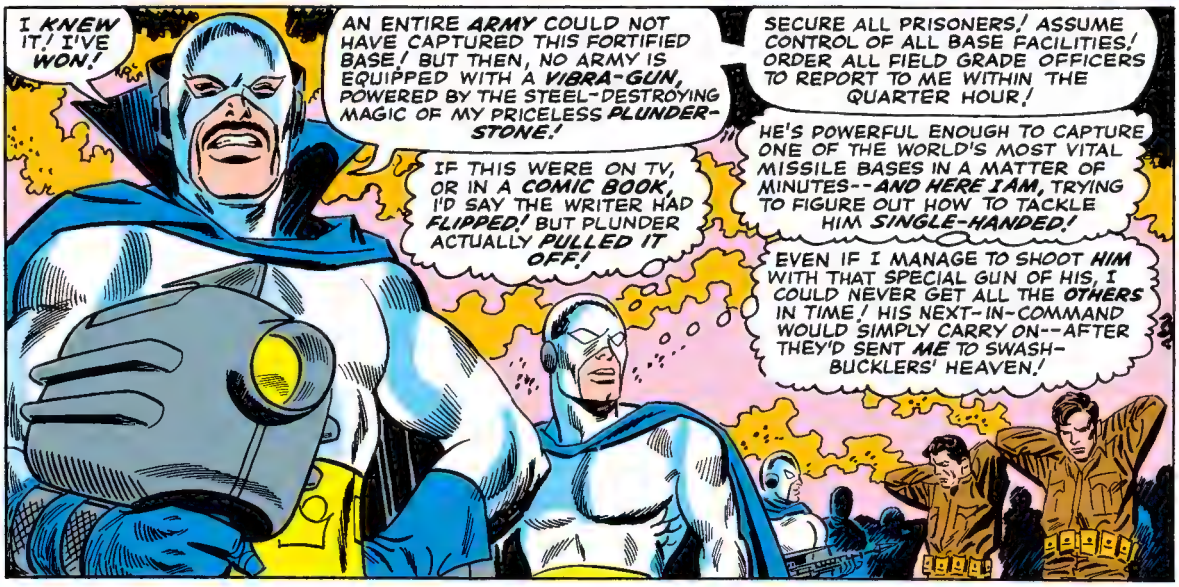

OKAY! THAT GAVE US TIME TO ALLOW THE PLUNDERER'S SUB TO REACH AN EARLY WARNING MISSILE BASE SOMEWHERE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC! SO, WHAT SAY WE REJOIN THE FESTIVITIES...?
PLUNDERER! THEIR RADAR IS SURE TO HAVE DETECTED US BY NOW! EVERY ARMED GUARD ON THE BASE WILL BE WAITING FOR US!
SILENCE, YOU FOOL! HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU THAT ALL THE ARMS IN THE WORLD ARE USELESS AGAINST US??!
STEADY AS YOU GO! PREPARE FOR LANDING!

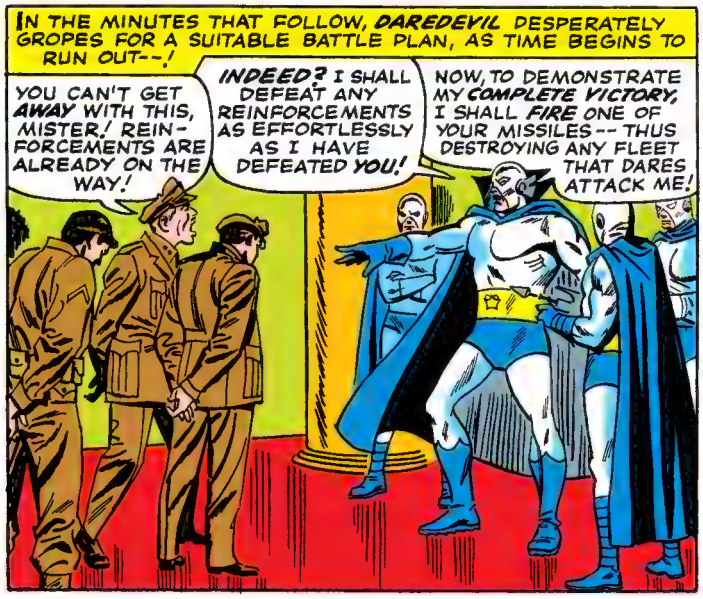

ALL OF YOU--STAY WHERE YOU ARE! YOU MUST BE CRAZY TO THINK YOU COULD COME ASHORE HERE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION!
TRY TO STOP US! I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S CRAZY!


HE MEANS IT! HE'S ACTUALLY ATTACKING! LET 'EM HAVE IT! FIRE AT--HEY!
MY GUN! IT--IT MELTED INTO NOTHINGNESS--JUST LIKE THAT!
IT'S THAT WHACKY-LOOKING GADGET HE'S CARRYING! IT'S SOME KINDA DISINTEGRATOR, OR SOMETHING!
ZAP!
STILL THINK I'M MAD? PERHAPS THIS HAS CHANGED YOUR MINDS!

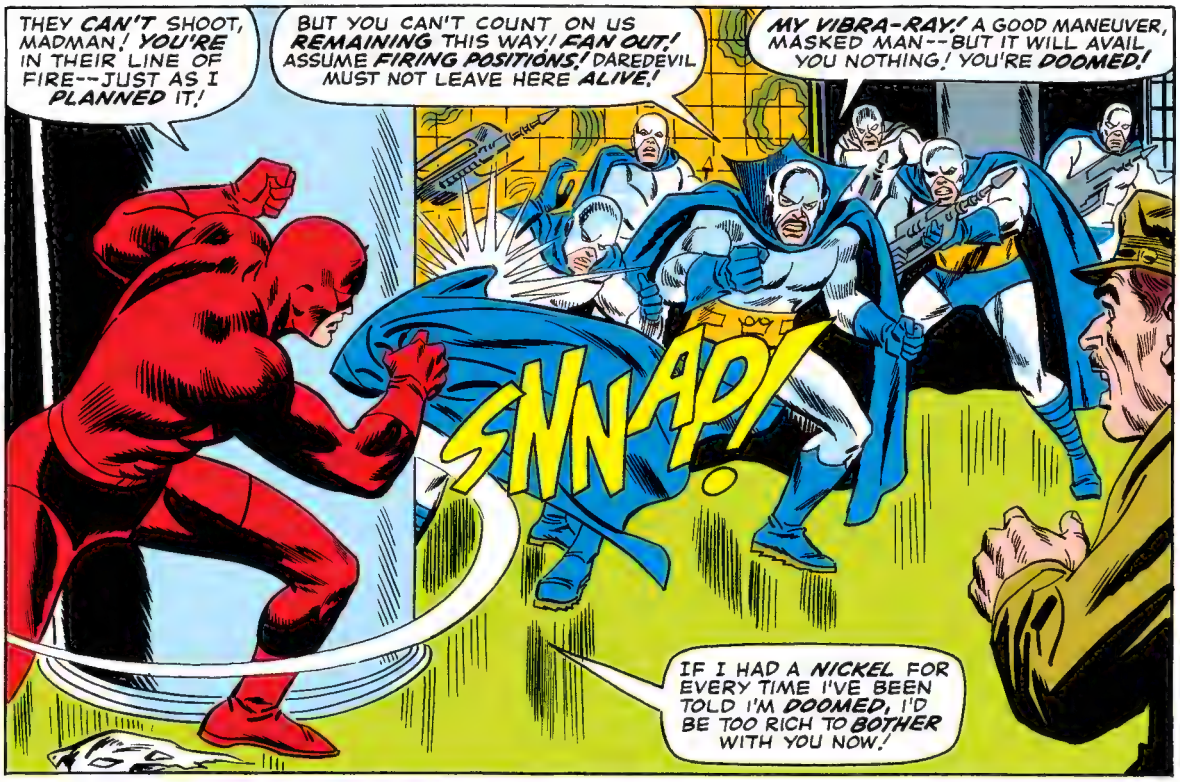
SECONDS LATER, AT BASE HQ--!
A HANDFUL OF MEN--SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKING THE WHOLE INSTALLATION??
IF THIS IS A GAG, I'LL HAVE YOUR HIDE FOR IT, MAN!
OF COURSE USE YOUR HEAVY TANKS! WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE INTENDED FOR? MOVE!


BUT, EVEN THE IRON MONSTERS PROVE AS INEFFECTUAL AS THE SMALLER WEAPONS--!
ZAP!
KEEP FIRING! YOUR FEW GUNS ARE AS GOOD AS CANNON, WHEN THERE'S NOTHING TO OPPOSE US!
THEY'LL HAVE TO SURRENDER IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!
THE PLUNDERER WAS RIGHT! THERE ISN'T A WEAPON MADE THAT CAN STOP US!


I KNEW IT! I'VE WON!
AN ENTIRE ARMY COULD NOT HAVE CAPTURED THIS FORTIFIED BASE! BUT THEN, NO ARMY IS EQUIPPED WITH A VIBRA-GUN, POWERED BY THE STEEL-DESTROYING MAGIC OF MY PRICELESS PLUNDERSTONE!
IF THIS WERE ON TV, OR IN A COMIC BOOK, I'D SAY THE WRITER HAD FLIPPED! BUT PLUNDER ACTUALLY PULLED IT OFF!
SECURE ALL PRISONERS! ASSUME CONTROL OF ALL BASE FACILITIES! ORDER ALL FIELD GRADE OFFICERS TO REPORT TO ME WITHIN THE QUARTER HOUR!
HE'S POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CAPTURE ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST VITAL MISSILE BASES IN A MATTER OF MINUTES--AND HERE I AM, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO TACKLE HIM SINGLE-HANDED!
EVEN IF I MANAGE TO SHOOT HIM WITH THAT SPECIAL GUN OF HIS, I COULD NEVER GET ALL THE OTHERS IN TIME! HIS NEXT-IN-COMMAND WOULD SIMPLY CARRY ON--AFTER THEY'D SENT ME TO SWASHBUCKLERS' HEAVEN!


IN THE MINUTES THAT FOLLOW, DAREDEVIL DESPERATELY GROPES FOR A SUITABLE BATTLE PLAN, AS TIME BEGINS TO RUN OUT--!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, MISTER! REINFORCEMENTS ARE ALREADY ON THE WAY!
INDEED? I SHALL DEFEAT ANY REINFORCEMENTS AS EFFORTLESSLY AS I HAVE DEFEATED YOU!
NOW, TO DEMONSTRATE MY COMPLETE VICTORY, I SHALL FIRE ONE OF YOUR MISSILES--THUS DESTROYING ANY FLEET THAT DARES ATTACK ME!

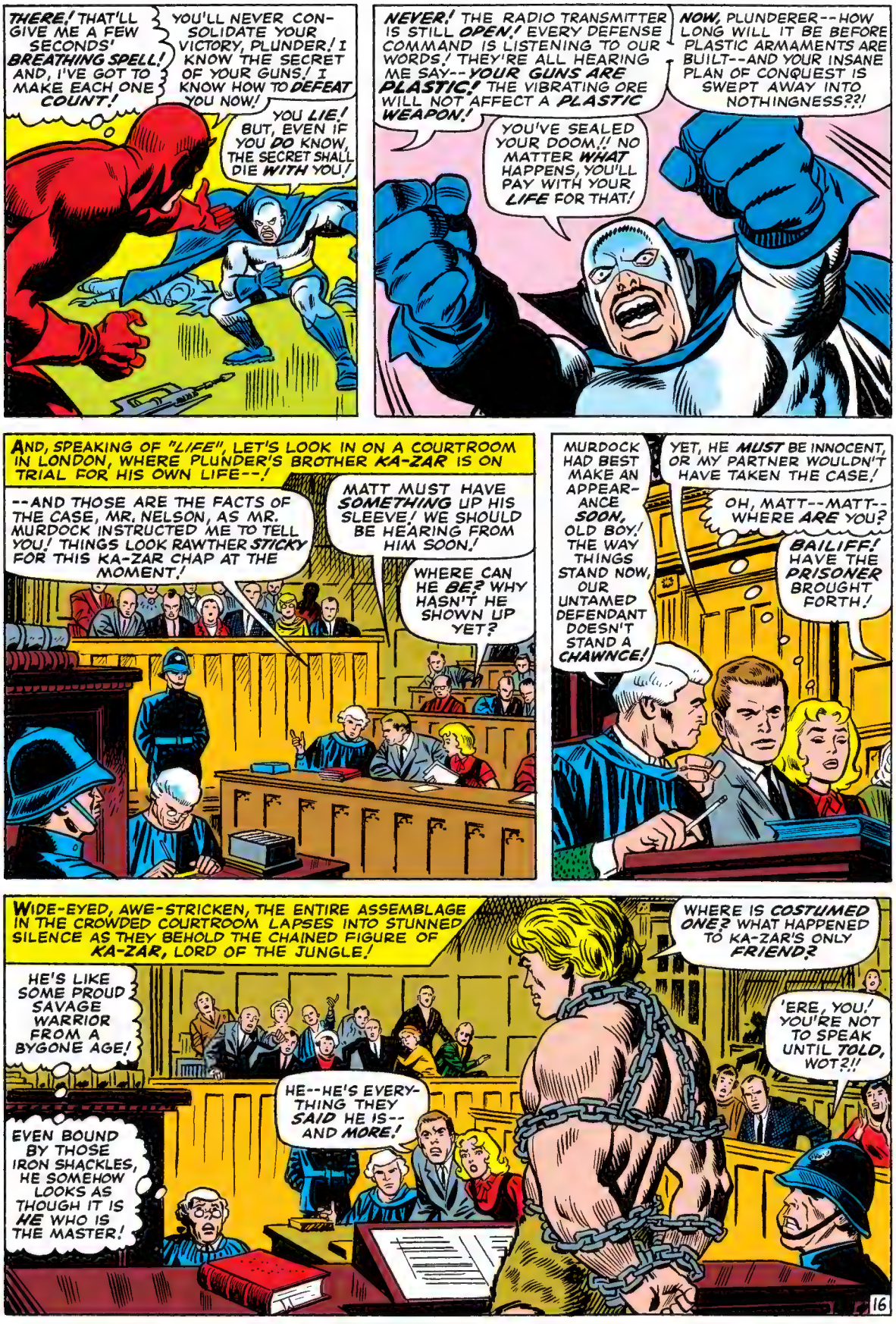
THEN, HEARING THOSE MERCILESS WORDS, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR REALIZES HE CAN DELAY NO LONGER--NO MATTER WHAT THE RISK...
YOU'LL FIRE NOTHING, PLUNDERER--NOT WHILE DAREDEVIL LIVES!
YOU!
THEN YOU SHALL LIVE NO LONGER! SHOOT! GET HIM!

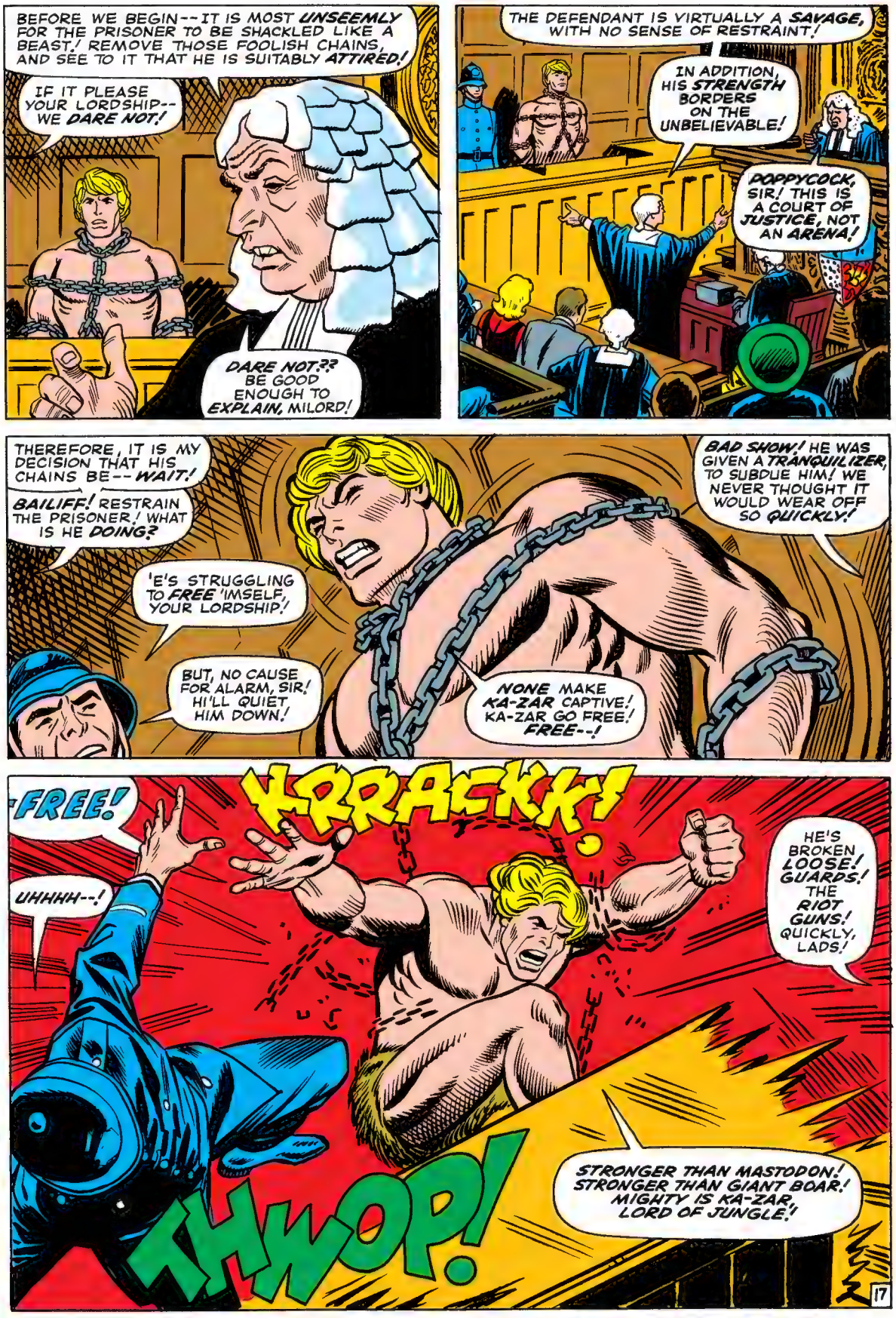

THEY CAN'T SHOOT, MADMAN! YOU'RE IN THEIR LINE OF FIRE--JUST AS I PLANNED IT!
BUT YOU CAN'T COUNT ON US REMAINING THIS WAY! FAN OUT! ASSUME FIRING POSITIONS! DAREDEVIL MUST NOT LEAVE HERE ALIVE!
MY VIBRA-RAY! A GOOD MANEUVER, MASKED MAN--BUT IT WILL AVAIL YOU NOTHING! YOU'RE DOOMED!
SNNAP!
IF I HAD A NICKEL FOR EVERY TIME I'VE BEEN TOLD I'M DOOMED, I'D BE TOO RICH TO BOTHER WITH YOU NOW!

YOU'VE DONE IT! YOU'VE DELIVERED YOUR EXIT LINES! WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR LAST WORDS! MY MEN ARE IN POSITION NOW! FAREWELL, DAREDEVIL!
SENTIMENTAL GOOD-BYES ALWAYS BREAK ME UP! SUPPOSE WE JUST SAY AU REVOIR--IT'S MUCH LESS GUSHY THAT WAY!
SHOOT HIM! SHOOT HIM!

IF EVER I NEEDED MY RADAR SENSE, I NEED IT NOW!
I'LL BE ABLE TO DODGE THE VOLLEY OF HIS SLOW-MOVING STOOGES FOR A WHILE, BUT HOW LONG CAN MY LUCK HOLD OUT?
I NEVER REALIZED --PLUNDER'S GUNS MAKE A STRANGE NOISE WHEN FIRED--!
BA-KOP!
BA-KOP!

OF COURSE! WHAT A FOOL I WAS! NOW I KNOW HOW TO DEFEAT HIM! NOW I CAN SENSE THE REASON HIS GUNS AREN'T AFFECTED BY THE VIBRATING ORE!
BUT, HAVE I LEARNED IT IN TIME??
THOK!
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE POSITION--PUT PLUNDER IN THE LINE OF FIRE AGAIN!


THERE! THAT'LL GIVE ME A FEW SECONDS' BREATHING SPELL! AND, I'VE GOT TO MAKE EACH ONE COUNT!
YOU'LL NEVER CONSOLIDATE YOUR VICTORY, PLUNDER! I KNOW THE SECRET OF YOUR GUNS! I KNOW HOW TO DEFEAT YOU NOW!
YOU LIE! BUT, EVEN IF YOU DO KNOW, THE SECRET SHALL DIE WITH YOU!
NEVER! THE RADIO TRANSMITTER IS STILL OPEN! EVERY DEFENSE COMMAND IS LISTENING TO OUR WORDS! THEY'RE ALL HEARING ME SAY--YOUR GUNS ARE PLASTIC! THE VIBRATING ORE WILL NOT AFFECT A PLASTIC WEAPON!
NOW, PLUNDERER--HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE PLASTIC ARMAMENTS ARE BUILT--AND YOUR INSANE PLAN OF CONQUEST IS SWEPT AWAY INTO NOTHINGNESS??!
YOU'VE SEALED YOUR DOOM!! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL PAY WITH YOUR LIFE FOR THAT!
AND, SPEAKING OF "LIFE", LET'S LOOK IN ON A COURTROOM IN LONDON, WHERE PLUNDER'S BROTHER KA-ZAR IS ON TRIAL FOR HIS OWN LIFE--!
--AND THOSE ARE THE FACTS OF THE CASE, MR. NELSON, AS MR. MURDOCK INSTRUCTED ME TO TELL YOU! THINGS LOOK RAWTHER STICKY FOR THIS KA-ZAR CHAP AT THE MOMENT!
MATT MUST HAVE SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE! WE SHOULD BE HEARING FROM HIM SOON!
WHERE CAN HE BE? WHY HASN'T HE SHOWN UP YET?
MURDOCK HAD BEST MAKE AN APPEARANCE SOON, OLD BOY! THE WAY THINGS STAND NOW, OUR UNTAMED DEFENDANT DOESN'T STAND A CHAWNCE!
YET, HE MUST BE INNOCENT, OR MY PARTNER WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THE CASE!
OH, MATT--MATT--WHERE ARE YOU?
BAILIFF! HAVE THE PRISONER BROUGHT FORTH!
WIDE-EYED, AWE-STRICKEN, THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLAGE IN THE CROWDED COURTROOM LAPSES INTO STUNNED SILENCE AS THEY BEHOLD THE CHAINED FIGURE OF KA-ZAR, LORD OF THE JUNGLE!
HE'S LIKE SOME PROUD SAVAGE WARRIOR FROM A BYGONE AGE!
EVEN BOUND BY THOSE IRON SHACKLES, HE SOMEHOW LOOKS AS THOUGH IT IS HE WHO IS THE MASTER!
HE--HE'S EVERYTHING THEY SAID HE IS--AND MORE!
WHERE IS COSTUMED ONE? WHAT HAPPENED TO KA-ZAR'S ONLY FRIEND?
'ERE, YOU! YOU'RE NOT TO SPEAK UNTIL TOLD, WOT?!!


BEFORE WE BEGIN--IT IS MOST UNSEEMLY FOR THE PRISONER TO BE SHACKLED LIKE A BEAST! REMOVE THOSE FOOLISH CHAINS, AND SEE TO IT THAT HE IS SUITABLY ATTIRED!
IF IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP-- WE DARE NOT!
DARE NOT?? BE GOOD ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN, MILORD!
THE DEFENDANT IS VIRTUALLY A SAVAGE, WITH NO SENSE OF RESTRAINT!
IN ADDITION, HIS STRENGTH BORDERS ON THE UNBELIEVABLE!
POPPYCOCK, SIR! THIS IS A COURT OF JUSTICE, NOT AN ARENA!
THEREFORE, IT IS MY DECISION THAT HIS CHAINS BE--WAIT!
BAILIFF! RESTRAIN THE PRISONER! WHAT IS HE DOING?
'E'S STRUGGLING TO FREE 'IMSELF, YOUR LORDSHIP!
BUT, NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, SIR! HI'LL QUIET HIM DOWN!
NONE MAKE KA-ZAR CAPTIVE! KA-ZAR GO FREE! FREE--!
BAD SHOW! HE WAS GIVEN A TRANQUILIZER, TO SUBDUE HIM! WE NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD WEAR OFF SO QUICKLY!
FREE!
KRRACKK!
UHHHH--!
HE'S BROKEN LOOSE! GUARDS! THE RIOT GUNS! QUICKLY, LADS!
THWOP!
STRONGER THAN MASTODON! STRONGER THAN GIANT BOAR! MIGHTY IS KA-ZAR, LORD OF JUNGLE!
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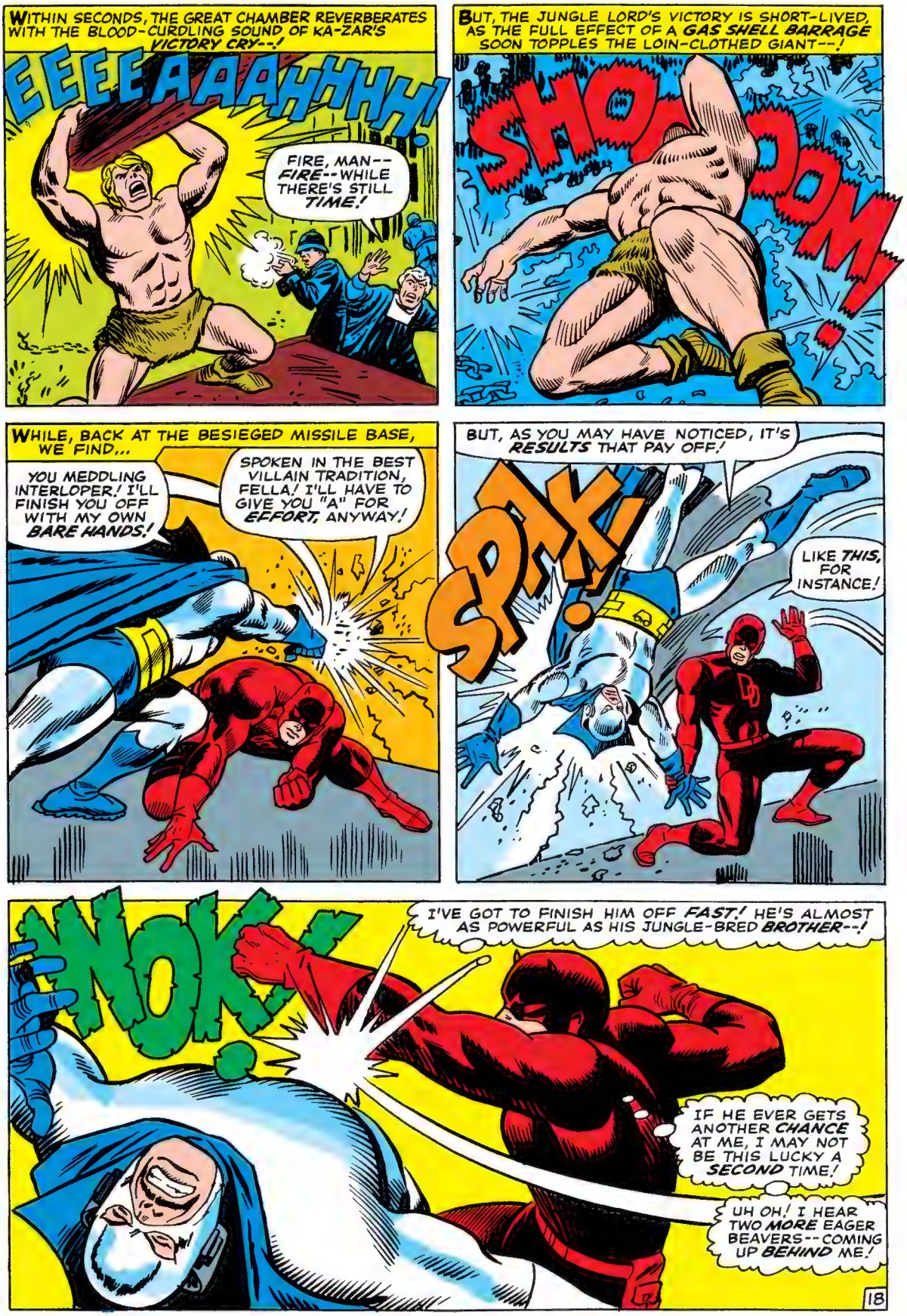
WITHIN SECONDS, THE GREAT CHAMBER REVERBERATES WITH THE BLOOD-CURDLING SOUND OF KA-ZAR'S VICTORY CRY--!
EEEEAAAHHHH!
FIRE, MAN-- FIRE--WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!
BUT, THE JUNGLE LORD'S VICTORY IS SHORT-LIVED, AS THE FULL EFFECT OF A GAS SHELL BARRAGE SOON TOPPLES THE LOIN-CLOTHED GIANT--!
SHO... DOM!
WHILE, BACK AT THE BESIEGED MISSILE BASE, WE FIND...
YOU MEDDLING INTERLOPER! I'LL FINISH YOU OFF WITH MY OWN BARE HANDS!
SPOKEN IN THE BEST VILLAIN TRADITION, FELLA! I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU "A" FOR EFFORT, ANYWAY!
BUT, AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, IT'S RESULTS THAT PAY OFF!
SPAK!
LIKE THIS, FOR INSTANCE!
WOK!
I'VE GOT TO FINISH HIM OFF FAST! HE'S ALMOST AS POWERFUL AS HIS JUNGLE-BRED BROTHER--!
IF HE EVER GETS ANOTHER CHANCE AT ME, I MAY NOT BE THIS LUCKY A SECOND TIME!
UH OH! I HEAR TWO MORE EAGER BEAVERS--COMING UP BEHIND ME!
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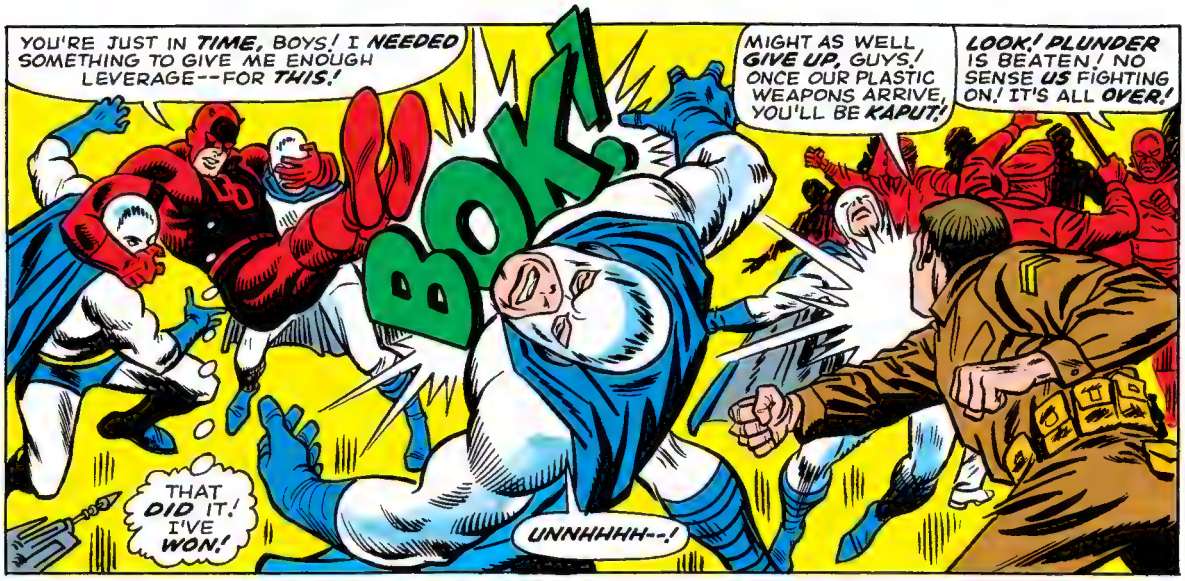
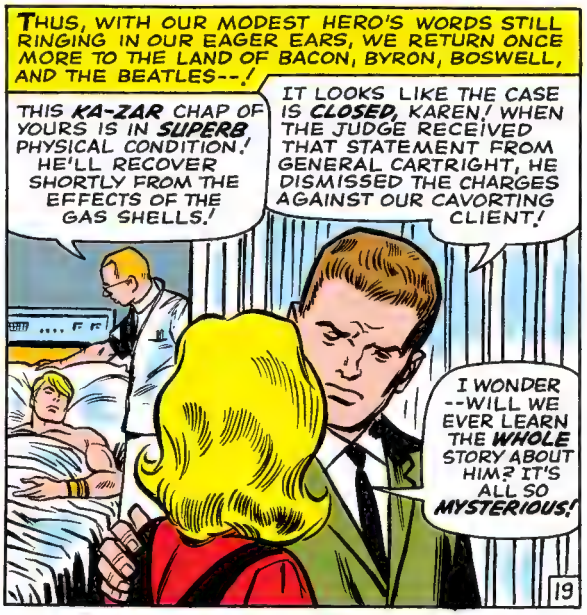
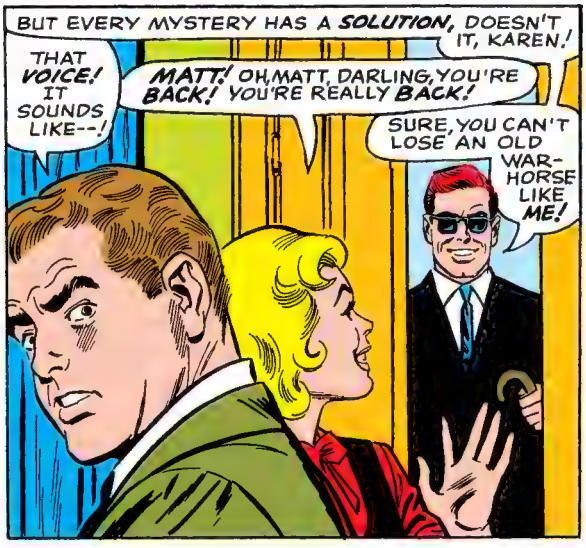

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, BOYS! I NEEDED SOMETHING TO GIVE ME ENOUGH LEVERAGE--FOR THIS!
BOK!
MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP, GUYS! ONCE OUR PLASTIC WEAPONS ARRIVE, YOU'LL BE KAPUT!
LOOK! PLUNDER IS BEATEN! NO SENSE US FIGHTING ON! IT'S ALL OVER!
THAT DID IT! I'VE WON!
UNNHHHH--!

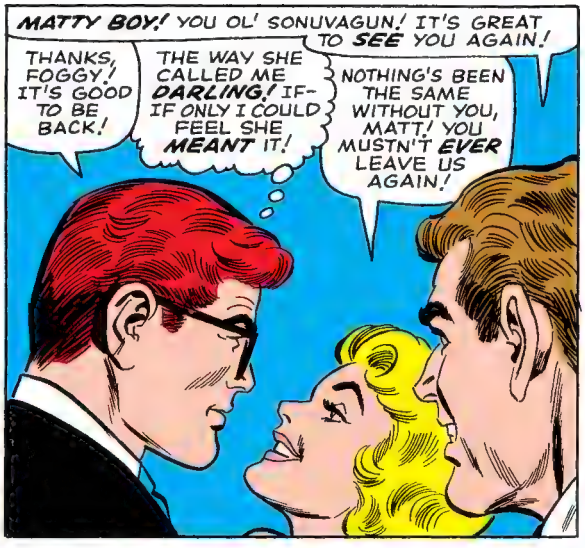
GENERAL, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT LORD PARNIVAL PLUNDER! WHEN HE COMES TO, THERE ARE SOME THINGS HE MIGHT WANT TO TELL YOU...!
SUCH AS THE TRUTH ABOUT A MAN NAMED KA-ZAR!

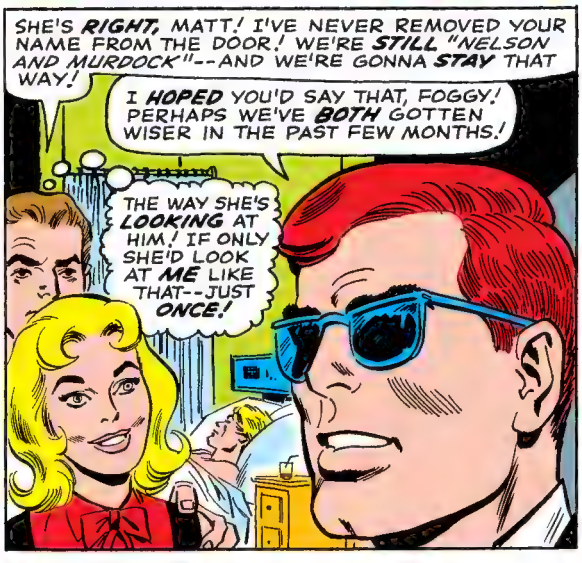
I MIGHT AS WELL ADMIT IT! IT CANNOT MATTER NOW! KA-ZAR IS MY BROTHER! HE DIDN'T COMMIT THE MURDER HE IS CHARGED WITH--A SPY NAMED FEEPERS DID IT! I-I LIED ABOUT WHAT I HAD SEEN!
THEY'LL BE INTERESTED IN THIS NEWS IN LONDON, GENERAL!
I'LL SEND WORD AT ONCE, MY BOY!

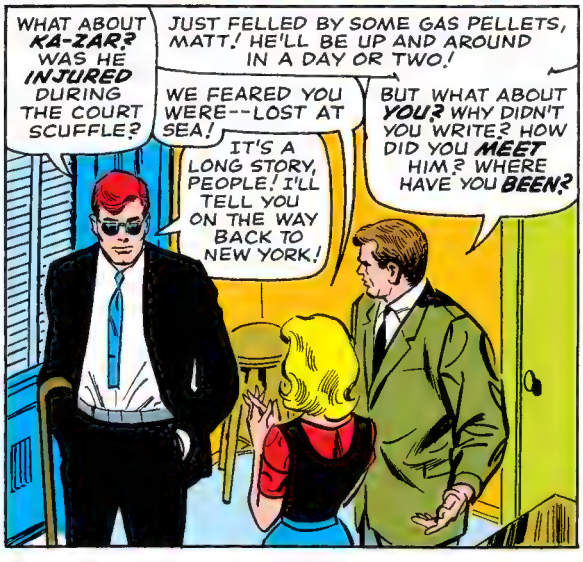
THEN, AFTER THE VITAL MESSAGE HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO BRITAIN...
THANK YOU, GENERAL, ON BEHALF OF THE INNOCENT MAN WHOSE NAME YOU HAVE HELPED TO CLEAR!
NONSENSE, SON! IT IS YOU WHO MUST BE THANKED! YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN SAVING THIS ENTIRE INSTALLATION--AND PERHAPS FAR MORE THAN THAT!
WELL, SIR--THE DANGER IS ENDED--AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!

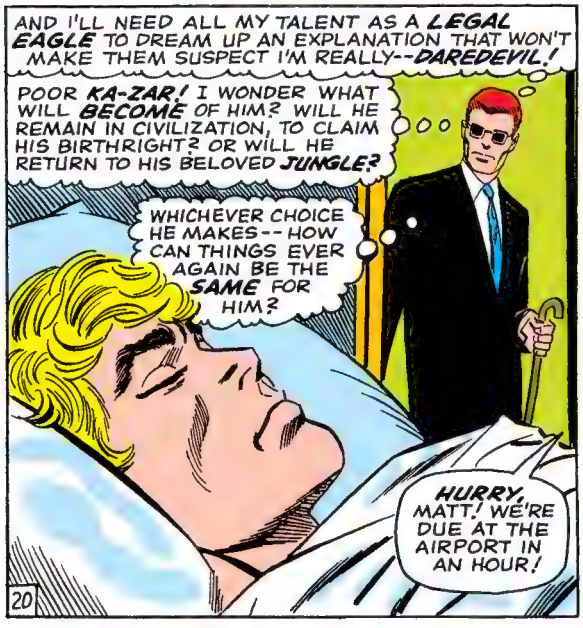

THUS, WITH OUR MODEST HERO'S WORDS STILL RINGING IN OUR EAGER EARS, WE RETURN ONCE MORE TO THE LAND OF BACON, BYRON, BOSWELL, AND THE BEATLES--!
THIS KA-ZAR CHAP OF YOURS IS IN SUPERB PHYSICAL CONDITION! HE'LL RECOVER SHORTLY FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE GAS SHELLS!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE CASE IS CLOSED, KAREN! WHEN THE JUDGE RECEIVED THAT STATEMENT FROM GENERAL CARTRIGHT, HE DISMISSED THE CHARGES AGAINST OUR CAVORTING CLIENT!
I WONDER --WILL WE EVER LEARN THE WHOLE STORY ABOUT HIM? IT'S ALL SO MYSTERIOUS!

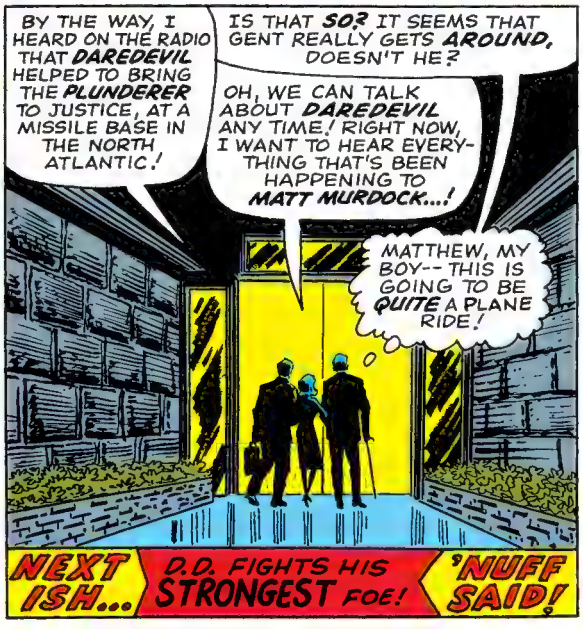

BUT EVERY MYSTERY HAS A SOLUTION, DOESN'T IT, KAREN!
THAT VOICE! IT SOUNDS LIKE--!
MATT! OH, MATT, DARLING, YOU'RE BACK! YOU'RE REALLY BACK!
SURE, YOU CAN'T LOSE AN OLD WAR-HORSE LIKE ME!


MATTY BOY! YOU OL' SONUVAGUN! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
THANKS, FOGGY! IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!
THE WAY SHE CALLED ME DARLING! IF-IF ONLY I COULD FEEL SHE MEANT IT!
NOTHING'S BEEN THE SAME WITHOUT YOU, MATT! YOU MUSTN'T EVER LEAVE US AGAIN!


SHE'S RIGHT, MATT! I'VE NEVER REMOVED YOUR NAME FROM THE DOOR! WE'RE STILL "NELSON AND MURDOCK"--AND WE'RE GONNA STAY THAT WAY!
I HOPED YOU'D SAY THAT, FOGGY! PERHAPS WE'VE BOTH GOTTEN WISER IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS!
THE WAY SHE'S LOOKING AT HIM! IF ONLY SHE'D LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT--JUST ONCE!


WHAT ABOUT KA-ZAR? WAS HE INJURED DURING THE COURT SCUFFLE?
JUST FELLED BY SOME GAS PELLETS, MATT! HE'LL BE UP AND AROUND IN A DAY OR TWO!
WE FEARED YOU WERE--LOST AT SEA!
IT'S A LONG STORY, PEOPLE! I'LL TELL YOU ON THE WAY BACK TO NEW YORK!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY DIDN'T YOU WRITE? HOW DID YOU MEET HIM? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?


AND I'LL NEED ALL MY TALENT AS A LEGAL EAGLE TO DREAM UP AN EXPLANATION THAT WON'T MAKE THEM SUSPECT I'M REALLY--DAREDEVIL!
POOR KA-ZAR! I WONDER WHAT WILL BECOME OF HIM? WILL HE REMAIN IN CIVILIZATION, TO CLAIM HIS BIRTHRIGHT? OR WILL HE RETURN TO HIS BELOVED JUNGLE?
WHICHEVER CHOICE HE MAKES--HOW CAN THINGS EVER AGAIN BE THE SAME FOR HIM?
HURRY, MATT! WE'RE DUE AT THE AIRPORT IN AN HOUR!


BY THE WAY, I HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT DAREDEVIL HELPED TO BRING THE PLUNDERER TO JUSTICE, AT A MISSILE BASE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC!
IS THAT SO? IT SEEMS THAT GENT REALLY GETS AROUND, DOESN'T HE?
OH, WE CAN TALK ABOUT DAREDEVIL ANY TIME! RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO HEAR EVERY-THING THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING TO MATT MURDOCK...!
MATTHEW, MY BOY--THIS IS GOING TO BE QUITE A PLANE RIDE!
NEXT ISH... D.D. FIGHTS HIS STRONGEST FOE! 'NUFF SAID!

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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"--AND MEN SHALL CALL HIM...OX!"
A SWIRLING, STREAKING SWASHBUCKLING FIGURE, SWINGS ABOVE THE SPIRES OF NEW YORK, AND OUR PULSE-POUNDING SAGA BEGINS--!
HOW I'VE LONGED FOR THIS MARVELOUS MOMENT--TO BE BACK IN ACTION AGAIN--FREE AS A FALCON, WITH THE WORLD AT MY FEET! THIS IS WHERE I BELONG! THIS IS MY FOOD, MY DRINK, MY LIFE! THIS IS WHY DAREDEVIL WAS BORN!
UNSURPASSED STORY BY: STAN LEE
UNEXCELLED PENCILLING BY: JOHN ROMITA
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DAREDEVILS ALL!
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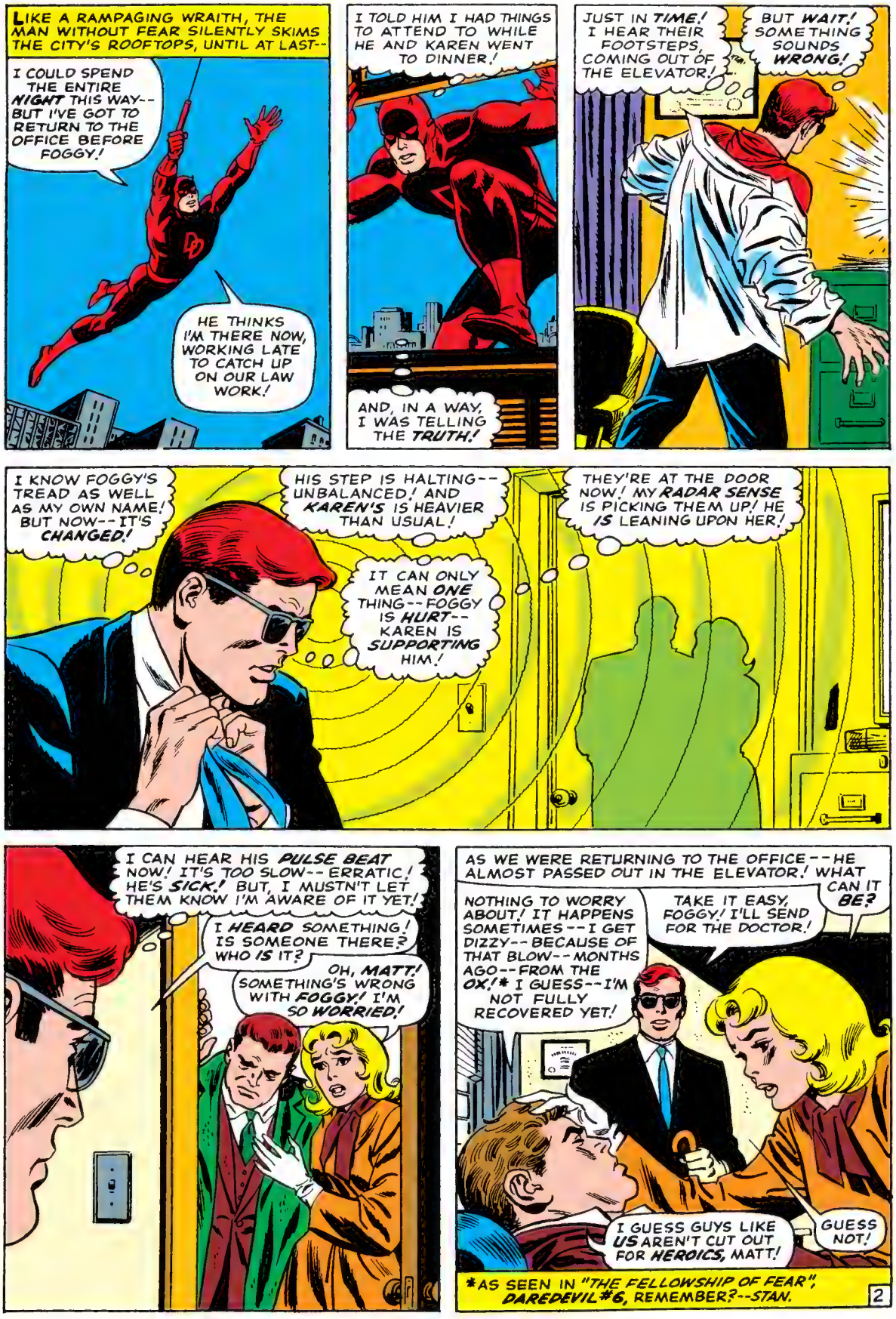
LIKE A RAMPAGING WRAITH, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR SILENTLY SKIMS THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS, UNTIL AT LAST--
I COULD SPEND THE ENTIRE NIGHT THIS WAY--BUT I'VE GOT TO RETURN TO THE OFFICE BEFORE FOGGY!
HE THINKS I'M THERE NOW, WORKING LATE TO CATCH UP ON OUR LAW WORK!
I TOLD HIM I HAD THINGS TO ATTEND TO WHILE HE AND KAREN WENT TO DINNER!
AND, IN A WAY, I WAS TELLING THE TRUTH!
JUST IN TIME! I HEAR THEIR FOOTSTEPS, COMING OUT OF THE ELEVATOR!
BUT WAIT! SOMETHING SOUNDS WRONG!
I KNOW FOGGY'S TREAD AS WELL AS MY OWN NAME! BUT NOW--IT'S CHANGED!
HIS STEP IS HALTING--UNBALANCED! AND KAREN'S IS HEAVIER THAN USUAL!
IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING--FOGGY IS HURT--KAREN IS SUPPORTING HIM!
THEY'RE AT THE DOOR NOW! MY RADAR SENSE IS PICKING THEM UP! HE IS LEANING UPON HER!
I CAN HEAR HIS PULSE BEAT NOW! IT'S TOO SLOW--ERRATIC! HE'S SICK! BUT, I MUSTN'T LET THEM KNOW I'M AWARE OF IT YET!
I HEARD SOMETHING! IS SOMEONE THERE? WHO IS IT?
OH, MATT! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH FOGGY! I'M SO WORRIED!
AS WE WERE RETURNING TO THE OFFICE--HE ALMOST PASSED OUT IN THE ELEVATOR! WHAT CAN IT BE?
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! IT HAPPENS SOMETIMES--I GET DIZZY--BECAUSE OF THAT BLOW--MONTHS AGO--FROM THE OX!* I GUESS--I'M NOT FULLY RECOVERED YET!
TAKE IT EASY, FOGGY! I'LL SEND FOR THE DOCTOR!
I GUESS GUYS LIKE US AREN'T CUT OUT FOR HEROICS, MATT!
GUESS NOT!
*AS SEEN IN "THE FELLOWSHIP OF FEAR", DAREDEVIL #6, REMEMBER?--STAN.
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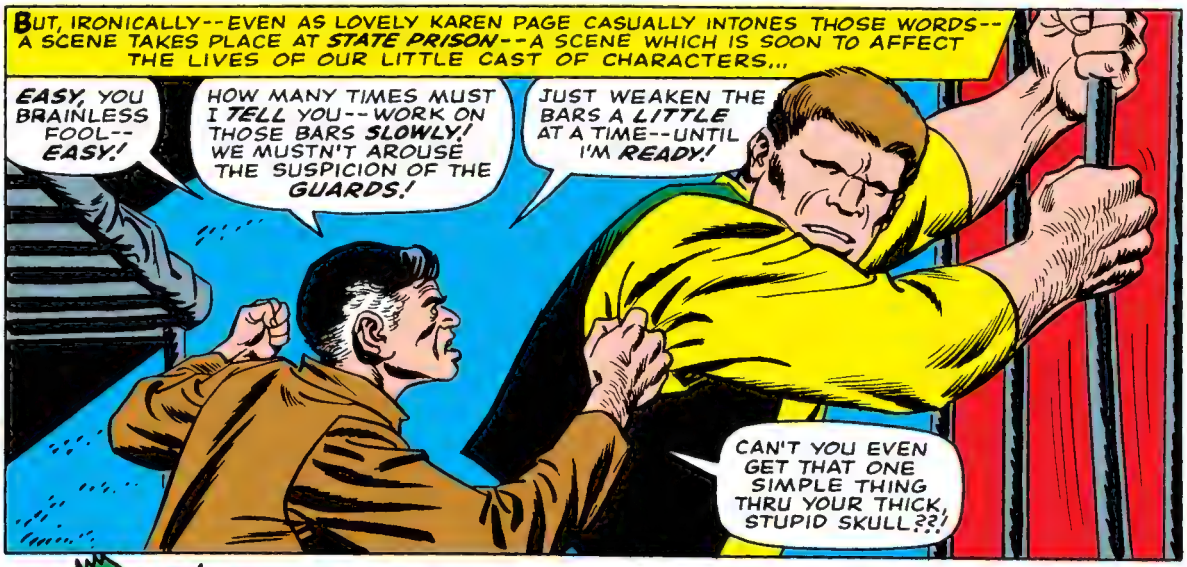
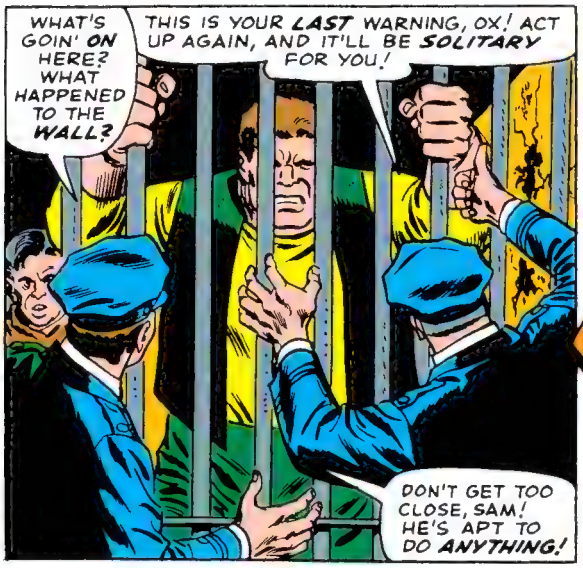
THOK!
I ALWAYS FELT THE OX WAS THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL THE "FELLOWSHIP OF FEAR"!
LUCKY HE WAS SO FEEBLE-MINDED! HAD HE BEEN INTELLIGENT, HE'D HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST DEADLY MENACES EVER!
WELL, WE NEEDN'T WORRY! HE'S SAFELY BEHIND BARS NOW!


BUT, IRONICALLY--EVEN AS LOVELY KAREN PAGE CASUALLY INTONES THOSE WORDS--A SCENE TAKES PLACE AT STATE PRISON--A SCENE WHICH IS SOON TO AFFECT THE LIVES OF OUR LITTLE CAST OF CHARACTERS...
EASY, YOU BRAINLESS FOOL--EASY!
HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU--WORK ON THOSE BARS SLOWLY! WE MUSTN'T AROUSE THE SUSPICION OF THE GUARDS!
JUST WEAKEN THE BARS A LITTLE AT A TIME--UNTIL I'M READY!
CAN'T YOU EVEN GET THAT ONE SIMPLE THING THRU YOUR THICK, STUPID SKULL??!

WHOM
I TOLD YA NEVER TO SAY THAT TO ME!
FOOL! IF THE GUARD HEARD THAT--WE'RE SUNK!

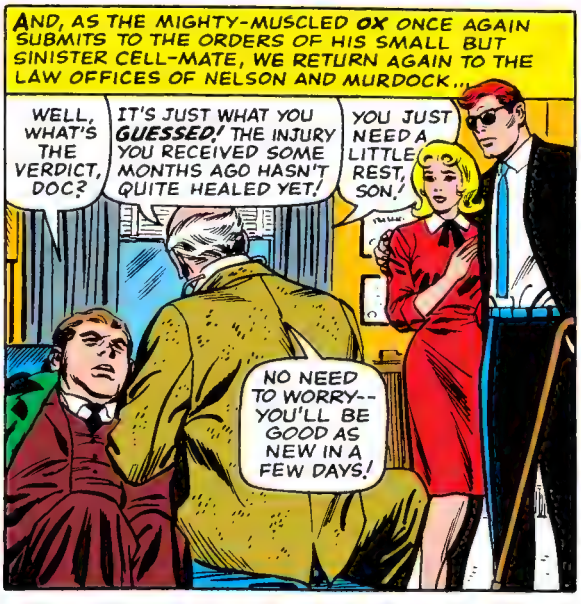
WHO CARES ABOUT THE GUARD? WHAT CAN HE DO TA ME?
ANYHOW, WHY SHOULD I WANNA ESCAPE? NOTHIN' FOR ME TA DO OUTSIDE! MEBBE--I'M BETTER OFF HERE!
I TOLD YOU--WHEN WE GET OUT, I CAN HELP YOU! I CAN--QUIET!
GUARDS! THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY!

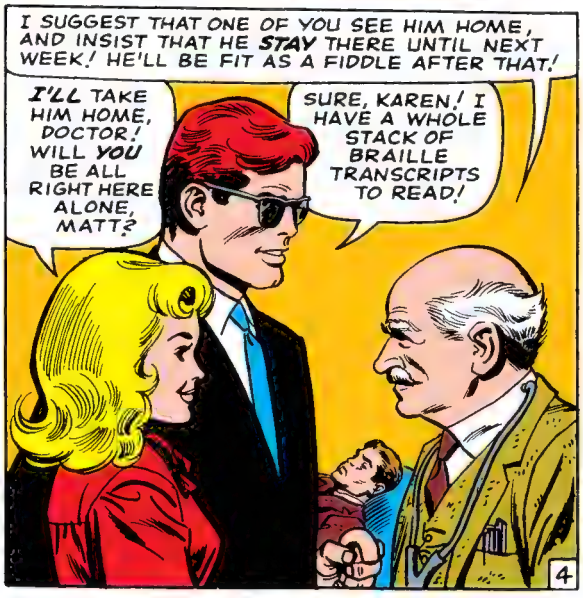

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WALL?
THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING, OX! ACT UP AGAIN, AND IT'LL BE SOLITARY FOR YOU!
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE, SAM! HE'S APT TO DO ANYTHING!

BUT, NO SOONER HAVE THE GUARDS TURNED THE CORNER, WHEN--
YOU FOOL! IF YOU'RE SENT TO SOLITARY, WE'LL NEVER BREAK OUT OF HERE!
I TOLD YA--
KRAK!
DON'T CALL ME FOOL! DON'T CALL ME FOOL!
STOP! STOP IT, DO YOU HEAR! OX, LISTEN TO ME--!

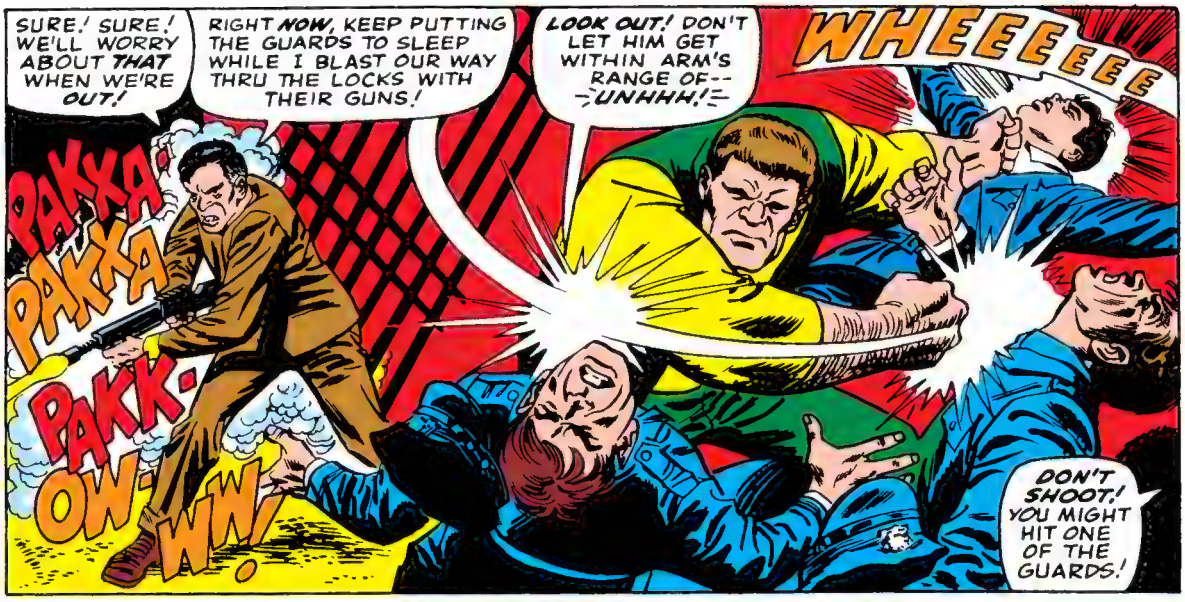
PUT IT DOWN--OX--PUT IT DOWN! REMEMBER WHAT I PROMISED YOU--!
WHEN WE'RE OUT OF HERE, I'LL INCREASE YOUR INTELLIGENCE! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO THINK AS WELL AS ANYONE!
I CAN DO IT, OX! YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME--YOU'VE GOT TO--!
TRUST YOU--! GOT TO TRUST YOU--!

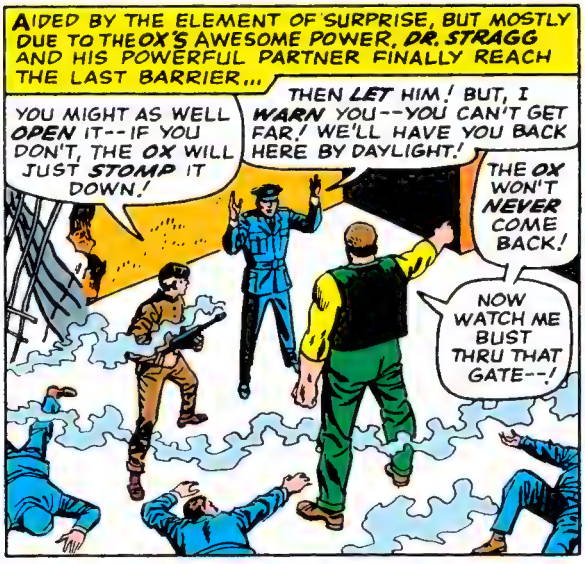
REMEMBER--I'M A SCIENTIST! A WIZARD IN A LABORATORY! ONCE YOU'VE HELPED ME TO ESCAPE, I'LL KEEP MY PROMISE TO YOU!
AWRIGHT--GOT NOTHIN' TA LOSE--!
BUT--IF YOU'RE LYIN' TA ME--!
DR. KARL STRAGG DOES NOT LIE!
NOW, BACK TO THE BARS!

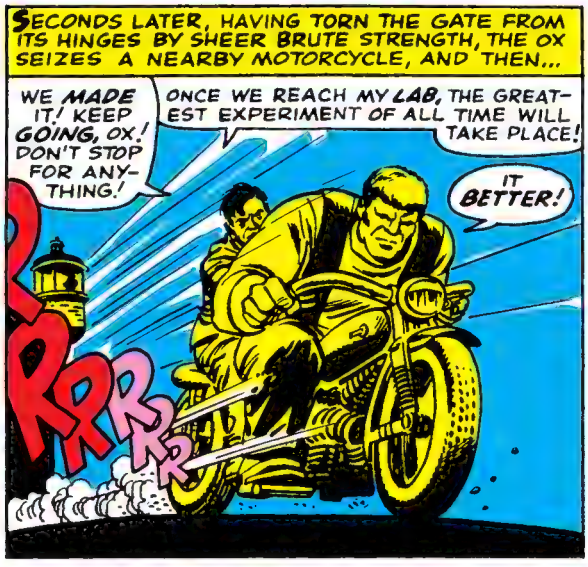

AND, AS THE MIGHTY-MUSCLED OX ONCE AGAIN SUBMITS TO THE ORDERS OF HIS SMALL BUT SINISTER CELL-MATE, WE RETURN AGAIN TO THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK...
WELL, WHAT'S THE VERDICT, DOC?
IT'S JUST WHAT YOU GUESSED! THE INJURY YOU RECEIVED SOME MONTHS AGO HASN'T QUITE HEALED YET!
YOU JUST NEED A LITTLE REST, SON!
NO NEED TO WORRY--YOU'LL BE GOOD AS NEW IN A FEW DAYS!

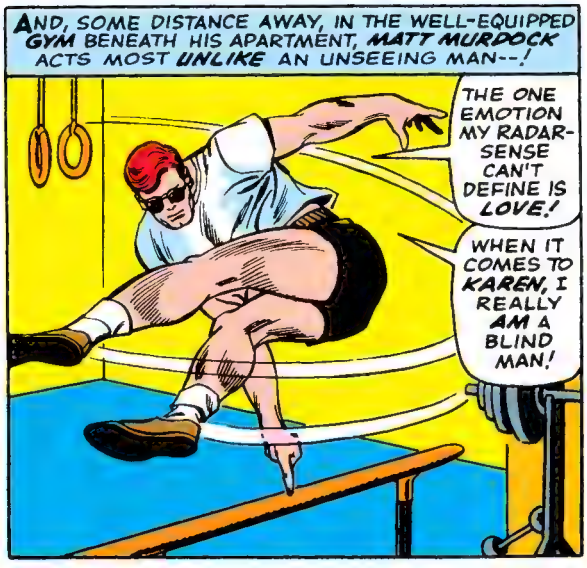

I SUGGEST THAT ONE OF YOU SEE HIM HOME, AND INSIST THAT HE STAY THERE UNTIL NEXT WEEK! HE'LL BE FIT AS A FIDDLE AFTER THAT!
I'LL TAKE HIM HOME, DOCTOR! WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT HERE ALONE, MATT?
SURE, KAREN! I HAVE A WHOLE STACK OF BRAILLE TRANSCRIPTS TO READ!

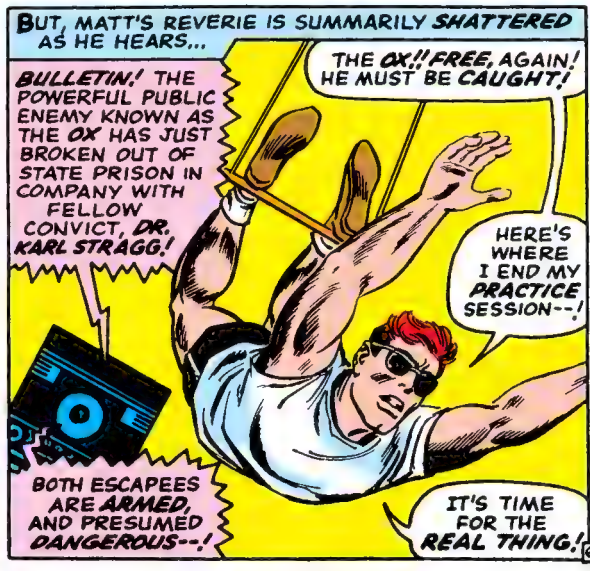
MOMENTS LATER...
SHALL I COME BACK TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR REFERENCE, MATT?
PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER, KAREN! IT MUST BE KINDA TOUGH FOR MATT WHEN HE HAS TO FILE THINGS AWAY IN THE RIGHT PLACE!
NO--DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'LL BE OKAY! JUST BE SURE YOU LOOK AFTER FOGGY!
OH, MATT--MATT! IF ONLY YOU'D GIVE ME SOME SIGN THAT YOU CARE--SOMETHING FOR MY HEART TO CLING TO--!
I CAN'T STAY HOME TOO LONG! POOR MATT'LL BE LOST WITHOUT ME!
BUT, ONCE THE OTHER TWO HAVE FINALLY DEPARTED...
AT LAST! NOW THAT I WON'T HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE HELPLESS ANYMORE, I CAN BREEZE THRU THE REST OF MY WORK!
I'D HAVE GIVEN ANYTHING TO HAVE KAREN RETURN--BUT I CAN'T BEAR TO THINK THAT SHE'S MOTIVATED BY A SENSE OF DITY!
NOW THEN--WHERE WAS I--?
THEN, AS THE MOMENTS SPEED BY, THE SIGHTLESS ATTORNEY "READS" FASTER THAN ANY SIGHTED MAN COULD HOPE TO DO--LETTING HIS HYPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS MERELY SKIM THE SURFACE OF EACH PAGE, FEELING THE ACTUAL INK IMPRINT OF EVERY WORD!
I WANT TO GET FINISHED IN TIME FOR A GOOD WORKOUT AT MY APARTMENT-GYM BEFORE I TURN IN!
ANYTHING TO KEEP MY MIND FROM ALWAYS RETURNING TO--KAREN!
BUT, ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT YET SUSPECT IT, MATT MURDOCK WILL SOON HAVE MUCH TO KEEP HIS THOUGHTS FROM KAREN PAGE! FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, BACK AT STATE PRISON...
NOW, OX--NOW! EVERYTHING IS SET! THE TIMING IS PERFECT! IF THE BARS ARE WEAK ENOUGH, WE'LL BE FREE WITHIN THE HOUR!
I WEAKENED 'EM PLENTY! STUFF LIKE THAT AINT HARD--FOR THE OX!
THWOK!
JUST REMEMBER YER PROMISE! YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME AS SMART AS ANYONE ELSE--JUST LIKE YA SAID!

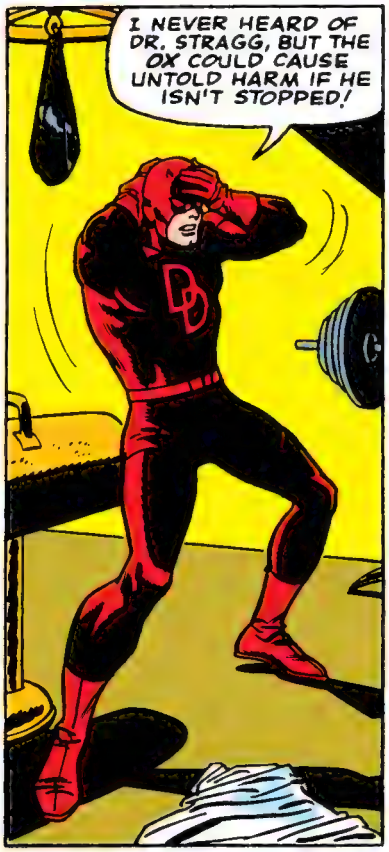

SURE! SURE! WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT WHEN WE'RE OUT!
RIGHT NOW, KEEP PUTTING THE GUARDS TO SLEEP WHILE I BLAST OUR WAY THRU THE LOCKS WITH THEIR GUNS!
LOOK OUT! DON'T LET HIM GET WITHIN ARM'S RANGE OF--
-UNHHH!-
WHEEEEEE
PAKKA PAKKA PAKK-
OW-WW
DON'T SHOOT! YOU MIGHT HIT ONE OF THE GUARDS!


AIDED BY THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, BUT MOSTLY DUE TO THE OX'S AWESOME POWER, DR. STRAGG AND HIS POWERFUL PARTNER FINALLY REACH THE LAST BARRIER...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL OPEN IT--IF YOU DON'T, THE OX WILL JUST STOMP IT DOWN!
THEN LET HIM! BUT, I WARN YOU--YOU CAN'T GET FAR! WE'LL HAVE YOU BACK HERE BY DAYLIGHT!
THE OX WON'T NEVER COME BACK!
NOW WATCH ME BUST THRU THAT GATE--!

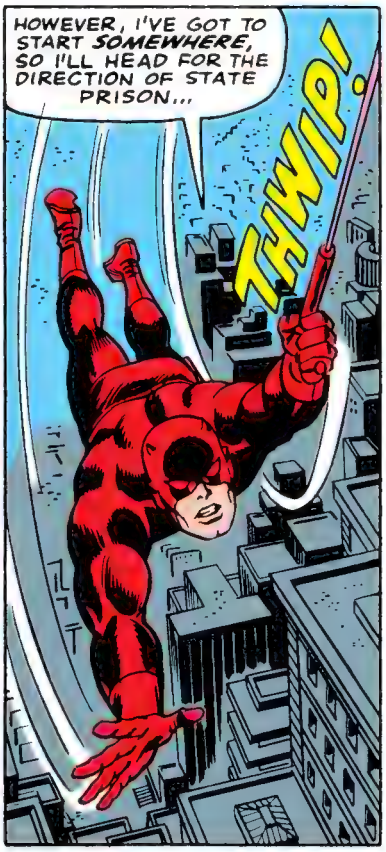

SECONDS LATER, HAVING TORN THE GATE FROM ITS HINGES BY SHEER BRUTE STRENGTH, THE OX SEIZES A NEARBY MOTORCYCLE, AND THEN...
WE MADE IT! KEEP GOING, OX! DON'T STOP FOR ANY-THING!
ONCE WE REACH MY LAB, THE GREAT-EST EXPERIMENT OF ALL TIME WILL TAKE PLACE!
IT BETTER!
RRRR

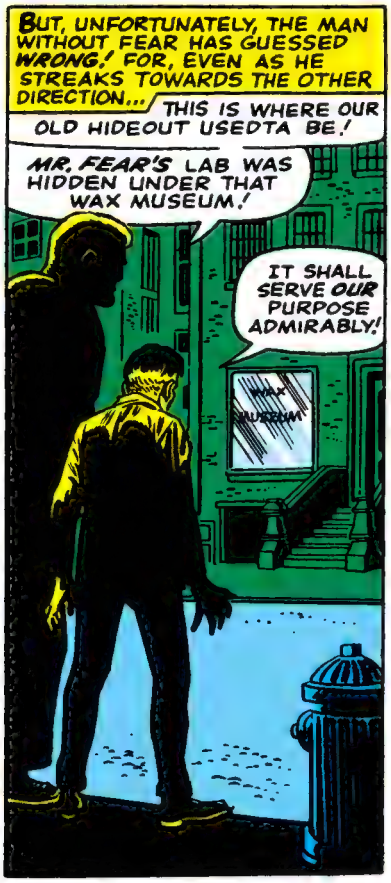

AND, SOME DISTANCE AWAY, IN THE WELL-EQUIPPED GYM BENEATH HIS APARTMENT, MATT MURDOCK ACTS MOST UNLIKE AN UNSEEING MAN--!
THE ONE EMOTION MY RADAR-SENSE CAN'T DEFINE IS LOVE!
WHEN IT COMES TO KAREN, I REALLY AM A BLIND MAN!

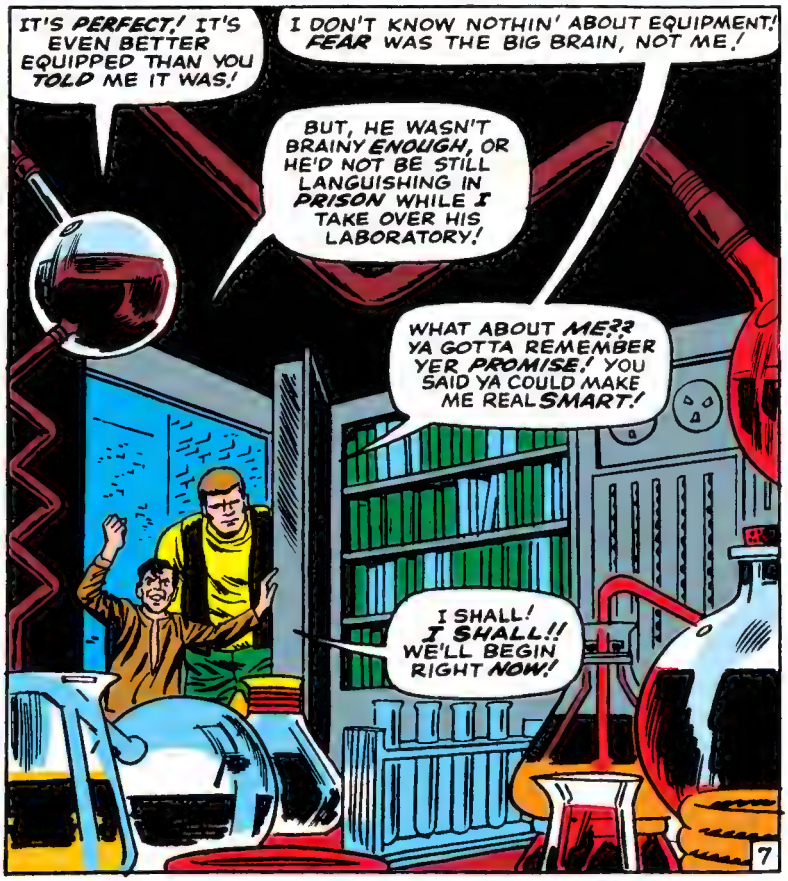

BUT, MATT'S REVERIE IS SUMMARILY SHATTERED AS HE HEARS...
BULLETIN! THE POWERFUL PUBLIC ENEMY KNOWN AS THE OX HAS JUST BROKEN OUT OF STATE PRISON IN COMPANY WITH FELLOW CONVICT, DR. KARL STRAGG!
THE OX!! FREE, AGAIN! HE MUST BE CAUGHT!
HERE'S WHERE I END MY PRACTICE SESSION--!
BOTH ESCAPEES ARE ARMED, AND PRESUMED DANGEROUS--!
IT'S TIME FOR THE REAL THING!


I NEVER HEARD OF DR. STRAGG, BUT THE OX COULD CAUSE UNTOLD HARM IF HE ISN'T STOPPED!

NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND HIM--!
BUT SOMETIMES, IN A CITY OF NINE MILLION, THAT CAN PROVE TO BE JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT!


HOWEVER, I'VE GOT TO START SOMEWHERE, SO I'LL HEAD FOR THE DIRECTION OF STATE PRISON...
THWIP!


BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR HAS GUESSED WRONG! FOR, EVEN AS HE STREAKS TOWARDS THE OTHER DIRECTION...
THIS IS WHERE OUR OLD HIDEOUT USEDTA BE!
MR. FEAR'S LAB WAS HIDDEN UNDER THAT WAX MUSEUM!
IT SHALL SERVE OUR PURPOSE ADMIRABLY!
WAX MUSEUM


IT'S PERFECT! IT'S EVEN BETTER EQUIPPED THAN YOU TOLD ME IT WAS!
I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT EQUIPMENT! FEAR WAS THE BIG BRAIN, NOT ME!
BUT, HE WASN'T BRAINY ENOUGH, OR HE'D NOT BE STILL LANGUISHING IN PRISON WHILE I TAKE OVER HIS LABORATORY!
WHAT ABOUT ME?? YA GOTTA REMEMBER YER PROMISE! YOU SAID YA COULD MAKE ME REAL SMART!
I SHALL! I SHALL!! WE'LL BEGIN RIGHT NOW!

A SHORT TIME LATER...
I'M ALL READY FOR YOU NOW, OX!
HOW COULD YA PREPARE IT SO FAST??
THE PROCESS IS RIDICULOUSLY SIMPLE! UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, IT CAN BE DANGEROUS! THAT'S WHY I WAS JAILED-- FOR ENDANGERING LIVES!
I AINT SCARED OF DANGER! BUT, YA BETTER NOT TRY TO TRICK ME!
TRICK YOU? FOR WHAT PURPOSE? DON'T YOU REMEMBER--WE'RE GOING TO BE PARTNERS!
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOUR BRAIN AS POWERFUL AS YOUR BODY! WHEN I'M FINISHED, THERE'LL BE NOTHING THE OX CANNOT ACCOMPLISH!
NOW, GET ON THE COT I'VE PREPARED FOR YOU! EVERY-THING IS READY TO BEGIN!
AWRIGHT, STRAGG! BUT, REMEMBER-- I'M GONNA BE WATCHIN' YA EVERY MINUTE!
AND SO...
YOU MUST NOT MOVE! I'M ABOUT TO TRANSFER SOME OF MY OWN INTELLIGENCE INTO YOUR BRAIN!
AWRIGHT! GET GOIN'! WHAT ARE YA WAITIN' FOR?
FROM THIS MOMENT ON--I WAIT NO LONGER!
CLICK!

AND THERE, IN THE LONELY, MUSTY LABORATORY, TWO MEN LIE BENEATH TWIN SOURCES OF SUB-AUTRONIC POWER, AS THE SHRILL, HIGH-PITCHED WHINE OF THE STRANGE MACHINES GROWS MORE AND MORE DEAFENING...
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
WHAT'S HAPPENIN' TO ME?? I-I FEEL DIFFERENT--! I'M CHANGIN'-- BUT-- I AINT GETTIN' ANY SMARTER!
IT'S WORKING! I CAN FEEL IT! I ALWAYS KNEW I COULD DO IT! I'VE WON!
YOU POOR, DELUDED FOOL! DID YOU THINK I'D GIVE ANY PORTION OF MY MATCHLESS INTELLIGENCE TO A CLOD LIKE YOU!
SNAP!
ALL I'VE DONE IS STOLEN YOUR STRENGTH! I'VE PUT MY OWN MENTALITY INSIDE YOUR BODY! NOW, IT'S I WHO AM THE OX-- WITH ALL YOUR BRUTAL POWER AT MY COMMAND!
KRAK
BUT-- WHAT ABOUT ME--??
YOU?? YOU'RE LUCKIER THAN YOU SUSPECT! I DIDN'T EVEN THINK YOU'D SURVIVE THE TRANSFORMATION!
BUT, YOU'RE OF NO FURTHER CONCERN TO ME NOW! YOU'RE BENEATH THE NOTICE OF-- THE OX!
BUT-- I DON'T GET IT! I'M THE OX! I AINT CHANGED! I STILL FEEL THE SAME! EXCEPT-- FOR ONE THING--!
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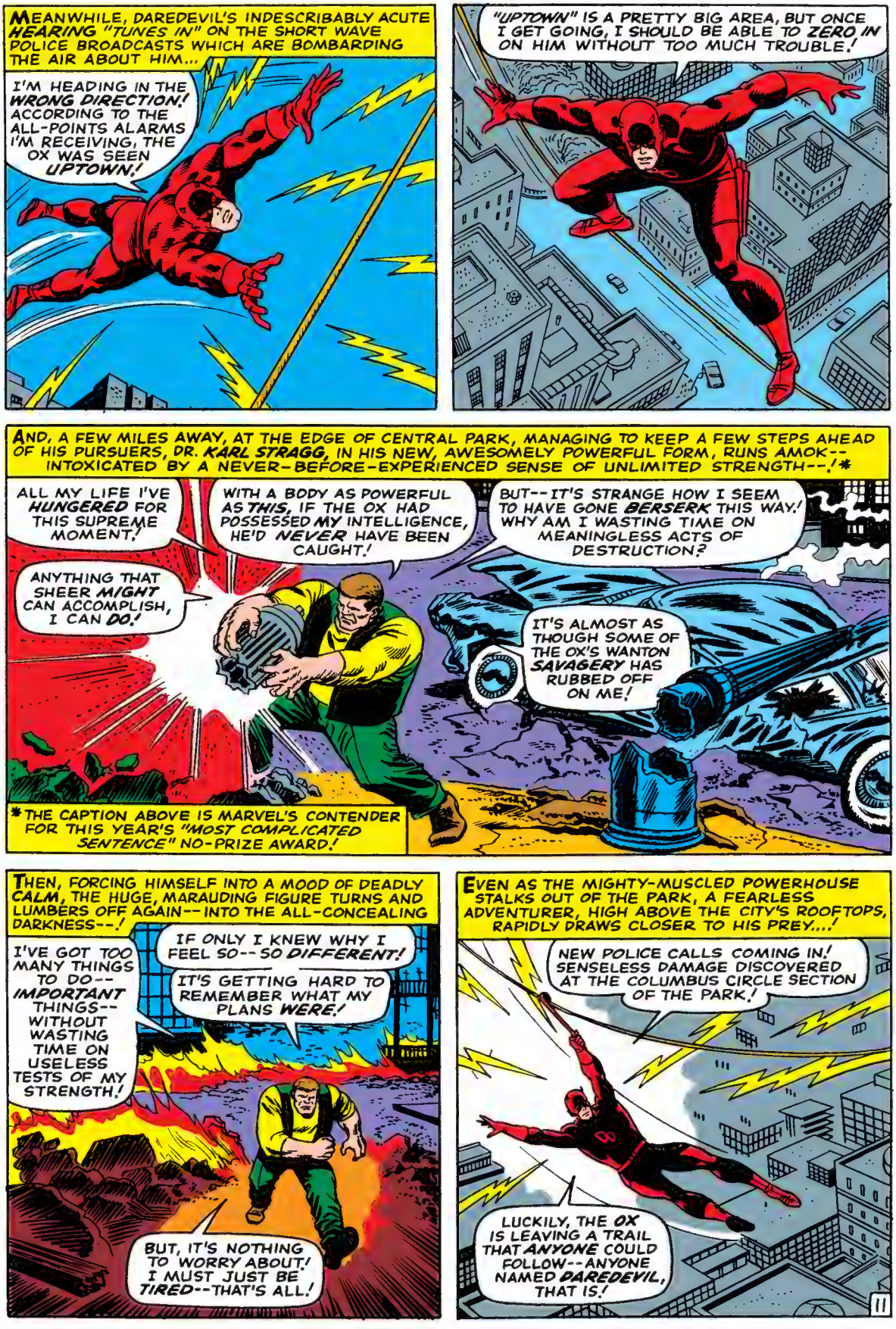
I--I'M SMALLER THAN I WAS--I'M WEAKER! IT AIN'T POSSIBLE--I DON'T KNOW HOW YA DID IT--BUT--I--I'M IN YOUR BODY!
I'M NO SMARTER THAN BEFORE--BUT NOW--I'M A WEAKLING BESIDES!
PRECISELY!
AND NOW--YOU'VE SERVED YOUR PURPOSE TO ME! I NEED YOU NO LONGER!
THE VERY SIGHT OF YOUR WEAK BODY OFFENDS ME! I DESPISE WEAKNESS! I'VE ALWAYS DESPISED IT! AND NOW, THRU MY OWN WIZARDRY, I'VE OVERCOME THE WEAKNESS I WAS BORN WITH!
WAP!
NOW I POSSESS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF--!
THE BRAIN OF A GENIUS, AND THE POWER OF A TITAN!
CRASH!
NOW, NOTHING CAN STOP ME! NOTHING CAN STAND IN MY WAY! BEFORE I'M DONE, THE ENTIRE CITY WILL TREMBLE BEFORE ME!
THUMM!


MEANWHILE, DAREDEVIL'S INDESCRIBABLY ACUTE HEARING "TUNES IN" ON THE SHORT WAVE POLICE BROADCASTS WHICH ARE BOMBARDING THE AIR ABOUT HIM...
I'M HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION! ACCORDING TO THE ALL-POINTS ALARMS I'M RECEIVING, THE OX WAS SEEN UPTOWN!
"UPTOWN" IS A PRETTY BIG AREA, BUT ONCE I GET GOING, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO ZERO IN ON HIM WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE!
AND, A FEW MILES AWAY, AT THE EDGE OF CENTRAL PARK, MANAGING TO KEEP A FEW STEPS AHEAD OF HIS PURSUERS, DR. KARL STRAGG, IN HIS NEW, AWESOMELY POWERFUL FORM, RUNS AMOK--INTOXICATED BY A NEVER-BEFORE-EXPERIENCED SENSE OF UNLIMITED STRENGTH--!*
ALL MY LIFE I'VE HUNGERED FOR THIS SUPREME MOMENT!
WITH A BODY AS POWERFUL AS THIS, IF THE OX HAD POSSESSED MY INTELLIGENCE, HE'D NEVER HAVE BEEN CAUGHT!
BUT--IT'S STRANGE HOW I SEEM TO HAVE GONE BERSERK THIS WAY! WHY AM I WASTING TIME ON MEANINGLESS ACTS OF DESTRUCTION?
ANYTHING THAT SHEER MIGHT CAN ACCOMPLISH, I CAN DO!
IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH SOME OF THE OX'S WANTON SAVAGERY HAS RUBBED OFF ON ME!
*THE CAPTION ABOVE IS MARVEL'S CONTENDER FOR THIS YEAR'S "MOST COMPLICATED SENTENCE" NO-PRIZE AWARD!
THEN, FORCING HIMSELF INTO A MOOD OF DEADLY CALM, THE HUGE, MARAUDING FIGURE TURNS AND LUMBERS OFF AGAIN--INTO THE ALL-CONCEALING DARKNESS--!
I'VE GOT TOO MANY THINGS TO DO--IMPORTANT THINGS--WITHOUT WASTING TIME ON USELESS TESTS OF MY STRENGTH!
IF ONLY I KNEW WHY I FEEL SO--SO DIFFERENT!
IT'S GETTING HARD TO REMEMBER WHAT MY PLANS WERE!
BUT, IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! I MUST JUST BE TIRED--THAT'S ALL!
EVEN AS THE MIGHTY-MUSCLED POWERHOUSE STALKS OUT OF THE PARK, A FEARLESS ADVENTURER, HIGH ABOVE THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS, RAPIDLY DRAWS CLOSER TO HIS PREY....!
NEW POLICE CALLS COMING IN! SENSELESS DAMAGE DISCOVERED AT THE COLUMBUS CIRCLE SECTION OF THE PARK!
LUCKILY, THE OX IS LEAVING A TRAIL THAT ANYONE COULD FOLLOW--ANYONE NAMED DAREDEVIL, THAT IS!

HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK HOW IMPORTANT A ROLE COINCIDENCE PLAYS IN OUR DAILY LIVES? FOR EXAMPLE, JUST AS THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR REACHES THE VICINITY OF CENTRAL PARK SOUTH, FATE STEPS IN WITH AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT! WATCH--
HE'S GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA! I'D BETTER SWING CLOSER TO THE GROUND AND HOPE MY RADAR SENSE CAN SPOT HIM!
SO FAR, ALL I CAN HEAR BELOW IS ONE PAIR OF LIGHT FOOTSTEPS--OBVIOUSLY A GIRL'S!
WAIT! IT'S NOT JUST ANY GIRL! I'D KNOW THOSE FOOTSTEPS ANYWHERE!
IT'S KAREN!
I FORGOT THAT SHE LIVES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!
BUT, I HAVE TO WARN HER! IF THE OX SEES HER--HE'LL REMEMBER HER FROM THE LAST TIME--WHEN HE SAW HER WITH FOGGY!
NEW FOOTSTEPS!! INCREDIBLY HEAVY! I'M TOO LATE --IT'S HIM!
BUT THEN, SUDDENLY SEEING THE LUMBERING FIGURE BEFORE HER, THE STARTLED GIRL PANICS, AS HER HIGH-PITCHED SCREAM RINGS THRU THE NIGHT--!
WHOEVER SHE IS, SHE KNOWS THE OX! I'D BETTER FIND OUT HOW--AND WHY! SHE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS TO ME IN MY NEW IDENTITY!
THE OX!! Y-YOU'RE FREE! YOU'VE RETURNED!! OH NO!! NOOOOO!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T TRY TO RUN! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM ME!
DON'T BET ON IT, MISTER!
THAK!
UHHHHH!
DAREDEVIL!! --THANK HEAVENS!
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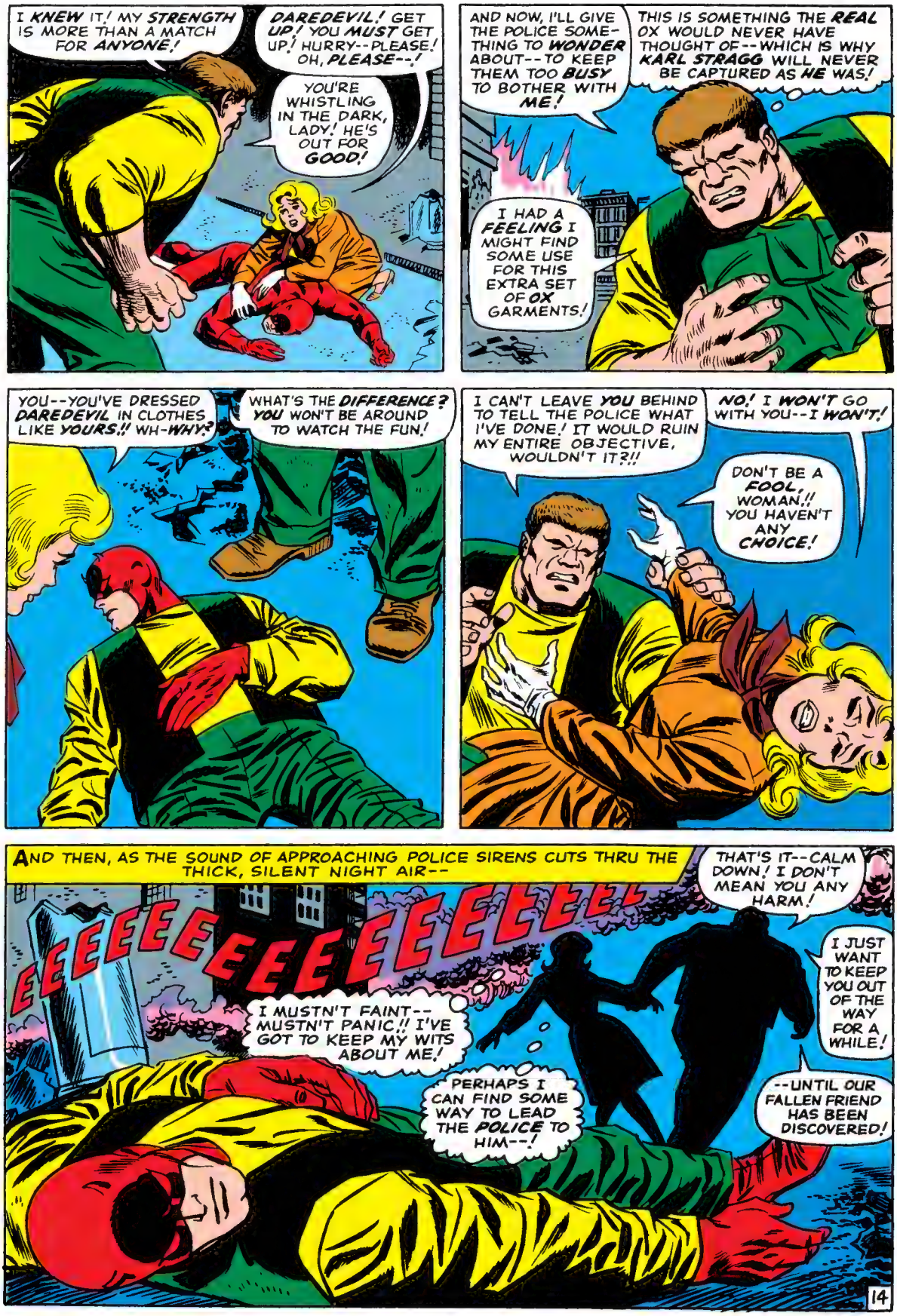
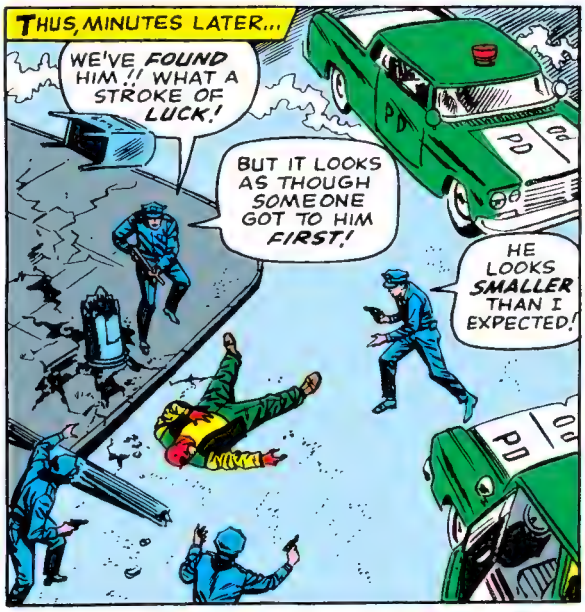
GIVE YOURSELF UP, OX! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU! YOU DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT ME?!! YOU FOOL!! I'LL FLATTEN YOU LIKE A FLEA!
HE'S CHANGED! HE SOUNDS-- DIFFERENT-- SMARTER--FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN BEFORE!
I'VE HEARD OF YOUR SPEED-- YOUR AGILITY-- YOUR LIGHTNING REFLEXES!
BUT, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THEY CAN SAVE YOU FROM THE SHATTERING POWER OF MY PULVERIZING STRENGTH?!!
KRAK!
IT'S UNCANNY! HE'S NO LONGER A DIM-WITTED, UNTHINKING BRUTE--!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SMARTENED YOU UP, BIG MAN--BUT IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THREATS TO BEAT ME!
-OOOF!-
YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU COSTUMED CLOWN! IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN THREATS--
IT'LL TAKE RAW POWER--AND THAT'S WHAT I POSSESS--IN SPADES!
HIS PULSE SPEEDED UP! HE'S GOING TO ATTACK--!
BUT HOW? WITH WHAT?
IN THE NEXT SPLIT-SECOND, KAREN PAGE SHOUTS A WARNING TO DAREDEVIL, IN AN EFFORT TO HELP HIM--LITTLE DREAMING THAT THE SHRILL SOUND OF HER CRY MOMENTARILY BLANKS OUT THE MASKED ADVENTURER'S RADAR SENSE, GIVING HIS HUGE OPPONENT THE NEEDED ADVANTAGE...!
DAREDEVIL! LOOK OUT!
HAH! YOU WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH THAT TIME!
-WHUMMMFF--!-
OH NO! NO!
WHOOOSH!


I KNEW IT! MY STRENGTH IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR ANYONE!
DAREDEVIL! GET UP! YOU MUST GET UP! HURRY--PLEASE! OH, PLEASE--!
YOU'RE WHISTLING IN THE DARK, LADY! HE'S OUT FOR GOOD!
AND NOW, I'LL GIVE THE POLICE SOMETHING TO WONDER ABOUT--TO KEEP THEM TOO BUSY TO BOTHER WITH ME!
THIS IS SOMETHING THE REAL OX WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT OF--WHICH IS WHY KARL STRAGG WILL NEVER BE CAPTURED AS HE WAS!
I HAD A FEELING I MIGHT FIND SOME USE FOR THIS EXTRA SET OF OX GARMENTS!
YOU--YOU'VE DRESSED DAREDEVIL IN CLOTHES LIKE YOURS!! WH-WHY?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? YOU WON'T BE AROUND TO WATCH THE FUN!
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND TO TELL THE POLICE WHAT I'VE DONE! IT WOULD RUIN MY ENTIRE OBJECTIVE, WOULDN'T IT?!!
NO! I WON'T GO WITH YOU--I WON'T!
DON'T BE A FOOL, WOMAN!! YOU HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE!
AND THEN, AS THE SOUND OF APPROACHING POLICE SIRENS CUTS THRU THE THICK, SILENT NIGHT AIR--
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
I MUSTN'T FAINT--MUSTN'T PANIC!! I'VE GOT TO KEEP MY WITS ABOUT ME!
PERHAPS I CAN FIND SOME WAY TO LEAD THE POLICE TO HIM--!
THAT'S IT--CALM DOWN! I DON'T MEAN YOU ANY HARM!
I JUST WANT TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THE WAY FOR A WHILE!
--UNTIL OUR FALLEN FRIEND HAS BEEN DISCOVERED!


THUS, MINUTES LATER...
WE'VE FOUND HIM!! WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK!
BUT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SOMEONE GOT TO HIM FIRST!
HE LOOKS SMALLER THAN I EXPECTED!
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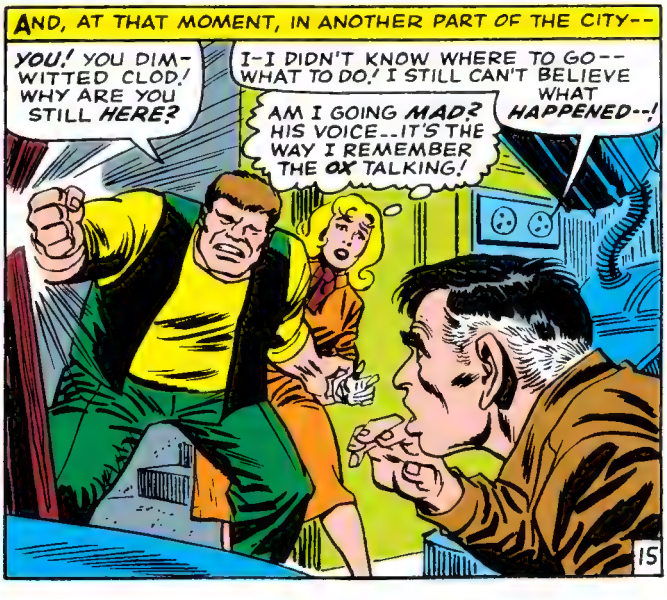
NO WONDER HE SEEMS SMALLER! LOOK--IT'S DAREDEVIL!! HE'S DRESSED IN THE OX'S CLOTHES!
SO THAT'S WHY HE WAS HARDER TO CATCH THIS TIME! I THOUGHT HE SEEMED A LOT CLEVERER--MORE TRICKY! IMAGINE DAREDEVIL IMPERSONATING THE OX--AND TURNING TO CRIME!

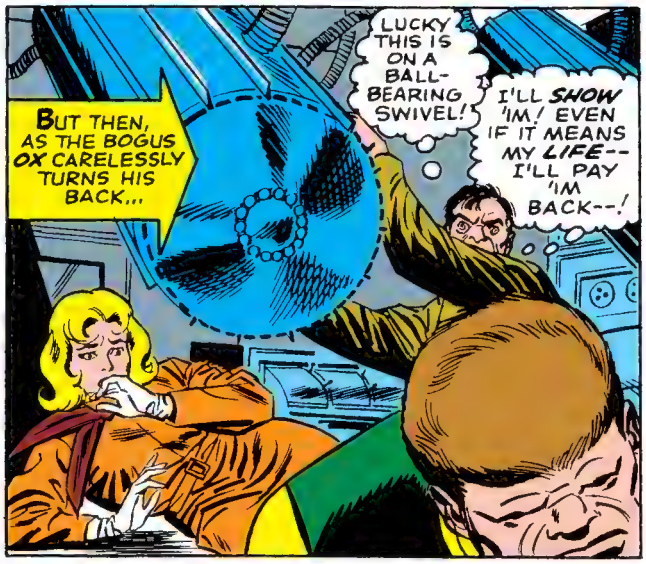
HE MUST'A FIGURED HE COULD GO ON A CRIME SPREE THRUOUT THE CITY, AND IN THE DARK OF NIGHT EVERYONE WOULD THINK HE WAS THE ESCAPED OX!
BUT WHY?? WHAT WOULD MAKE A GUY LIKE HIM DO IT??
FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU GOTTA BE NUTS TO BE A COSTUMED TROUBLE-SEEKER TO BEGIN WITH!

LATER, WITHIN A PRISON CELL, THE MISTS FINALLY CLEAR, AND...
THE SOUND OF CLANGING STEEL DOORS--THE RADAR IMAGE OF STONE WALLS! ONLY ONE ANSWER--I'M A PRISONER--IN JAIL!

WELL, SLEEPING BEAUTY'S AWAKE NOW--ALL COMFY AND COZY IN HIS LITTLE OX SUIT, HUH?
OX SUIT?!! NOW I GET IT! HE DID IT TO THROW THE POLICE OFF HIS TRAIL!
DID ANYONE REMOVE MY MASK WHILE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS?
NAW! A WHOLE TEAM OF D.A.'S ARE STILL ARGUIN' ABOUT WHETHER THEY GOT THE RIGHT TO DO IT OR NOT!
THAT'S A RELIEF!
I WANT TO CALL A LAWYER --NOW!

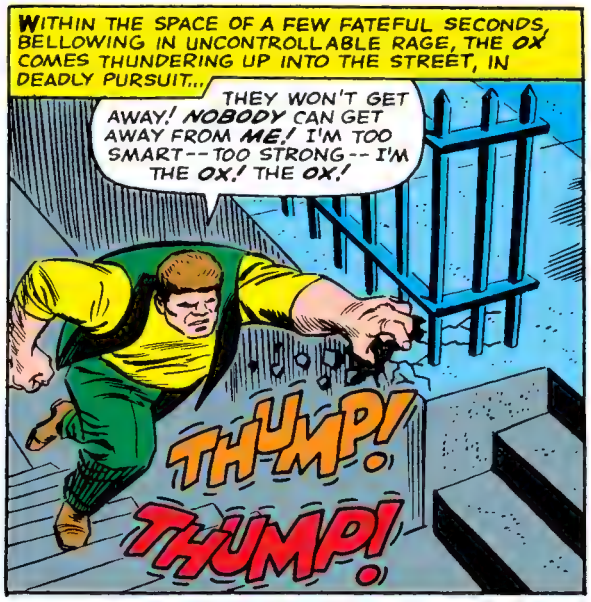

AND, AT THAT MOMENT, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY--
YOU! YOU DIM-WITTED CLOD! WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?
I-I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO--WHAT TO DO! I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED--!
AM I GOING MAD? HIS VOICE--IT'S THE WAY I REMEMBER THE OX TALKING!

WHO IS THE GIRL? WHY'D YA BRING HER HERE?
TO KEEP HER FROM BLABBING TO THE POLICE! NOW STAY OUT OF MY WAY AND BE SILENT! I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER!
YOU WOULDN'T DARE TA TALK TO ME LIKE THAT IF I WUZ STILL--!
SHUT UP! YOU PUNY WORM, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN SAY OR DO OF ANY CONSEQUENCE ANY MORE!


BUT THEN, AS THE BOGUS OX CARELESSLY TURNS HIS BACK...
LUCKY THIS IS ON A BALL-BEARING SWIVEL!
I'LL SHOW 'IM! EVEN IF IT MEANS MY LIFE-- I'LL PAY 'IM BACK--!

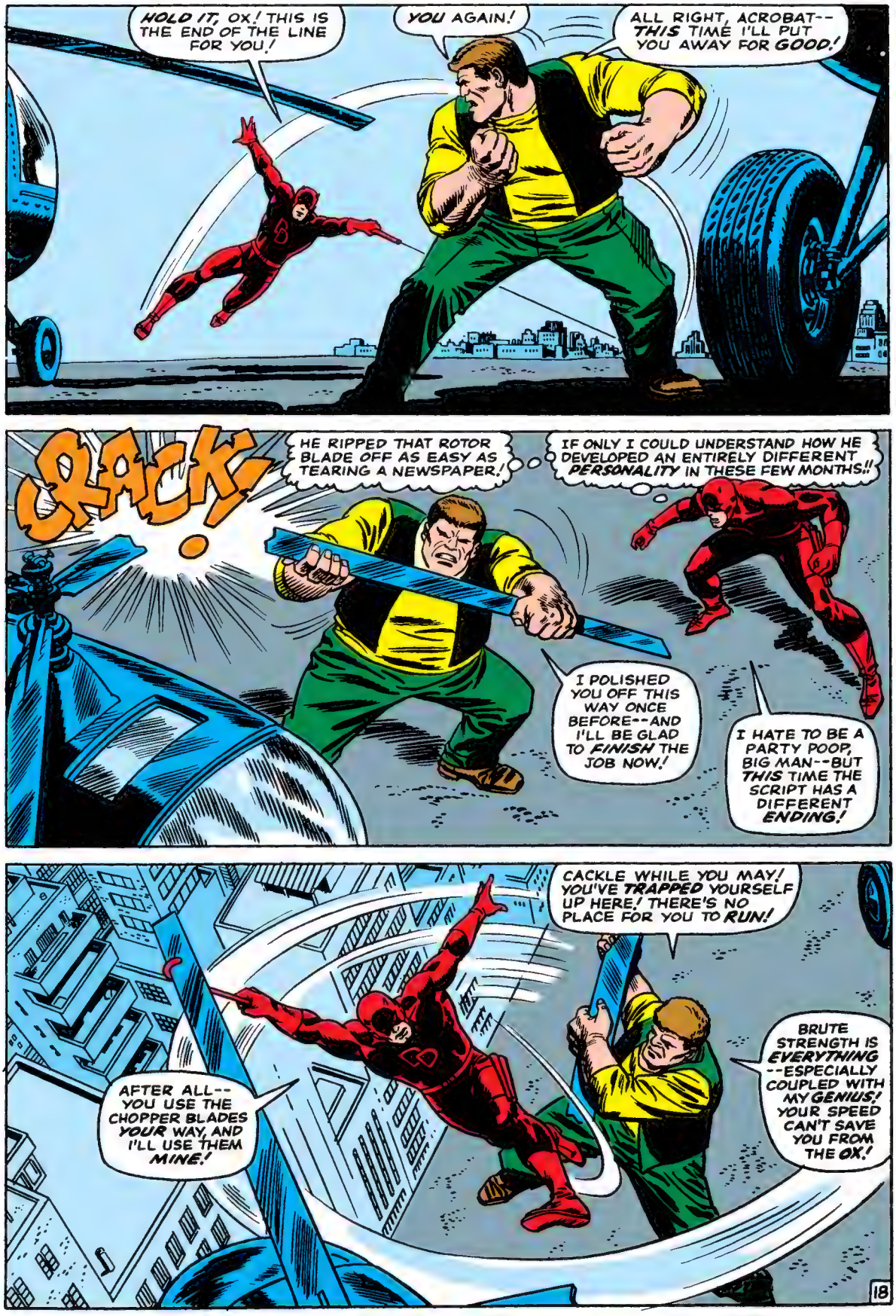
THOOM!
THERE! NO MATTER HOW BIG 'N STRONG YA MAY BE-- THAT'S GOTTA ROCK YA!

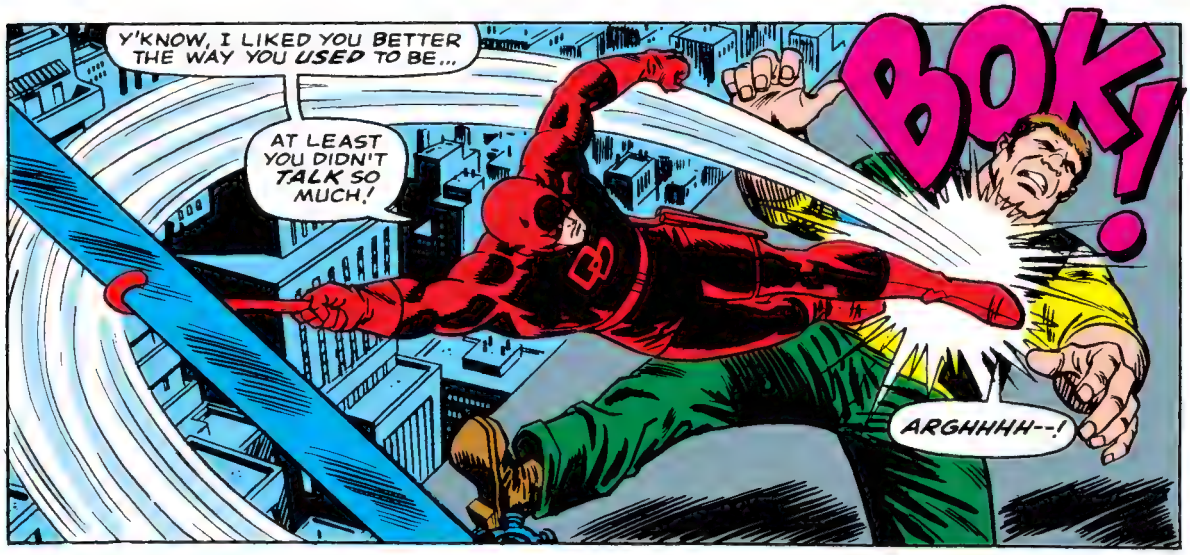
QUICK! HEAD FOR THE STREET! HE WON'T STAY DOWN FER LONG!
DON'T WORRY-- I WON'T LET 'IM GETCHA!
UHHHH--!


WITHIN THE SPACE OF A FEW FATEFUL SECONDS, BELLOWING IN UNCONTROLLABLE RAGE, THE OX COMES THUNDERING UP INTO THE STREET, IN DEADLY PURSUIT...
THEY WON'T GET AWAY! NOBODY CAN GET AWAY FROM ME! I'M TOO SMART-- TOO STRONG-- I'M THE OX! THE OX!
THUMP!
THUMP!

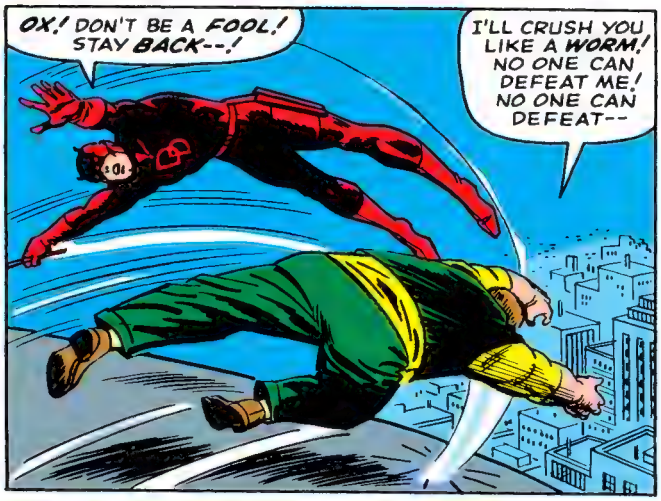
THERE THEY ARE! I SEE THEM!
COME BACK! COME BACK, DO YOU HEAR?!!
LOOK! IT'S HIM-- THE OX!
HIS EYES! LIKE A MADMAN'S!
SCREETCH!

HE'S COMIN' RIGHT TOWARDS US! WHAT'S HE UP TO??
THE CAR! HE'S LIFTING IT WITH HIS BARE HANDS!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW! I'VE GOT THE STRENGTH OF A DOZEN MEN! I'M THE OX--DO YOU HEAR?? THE ALL-POWERFUL OX!
WHUMP!
THEN, AS THE TRAPPED OFFICERS STRUGGLE TO OPEN THE DOORS, WHICH HAVE BEEN JAMMED WITH TWO IRON-FISTED BLOWS...
THEY WON'T GET AWAY! NO MATTER WHERE THEY RUN--THEY CAN'T ESCAPE ME!
AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
YOUR LAWYER, FRANKLYN NELSON, GOT A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FOR YOUR RELEASE, MISTER!
BUT IT WASN'T NECESSARY! THE OX IS ON A RAMPAGE ACROSS TOWN RIGHT NOW! SO, WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE INNOCENT, LIKE YOU SAID!
BUT, THE GIRL! WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL? SPEAK, MAN!
AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN HELPED HER TO ESCAPE! BUT THE OX WAS LAST SEEN HEADING TOWARDS THE WEST SIDE ROOF-TOP HELIPORT!
BUT DON'T WORRY--THE AREA WILL BE CORDONED OFF BEFORE HE CAN ESCAPE US AGAIN!
HE'S TOO POWERFUL! SOMEONE WILL BE HURT! I'VE GOT TO REACH HIM FIRST!
WE'VE GOT A PRIVATE DEBT TO SETTLE--JUST THE TWO OF US!
THERE ARE A DOZEN SQUAD CARS BELOW--BUT ONLY DAREDEVIL CAN REACH THE ROOF BEFORE THE OX TAKES OFF!
I OUT-SMARTED THEM AGAIN! ONCE IN THAT HELICOPTER, I'LL BE FREE AS A BIRD WITHIN MINUTES!


HOLD IT, OX! THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU!
YOU AGAIN!
ALL RIGHT, ACROBAT--THIS TIME I'LL PUT YOU AWAY FOR GOOD!
RACK!
HE RIPPED THAT ROTOR BLADE OFF AS EASY AS TEARING A NEWSPAPER!
IF ONLY I COULD UNDERSTAND HOW HE DEVELOPED AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSONALITY IN THESE FEW MONTHS!!
I POLISHED YOU OFF THIS WAY ONCE BEFORE--AND I'LL BE GLAD TO FINISH THE JOB NOW!
I HATE TO BE A PARTY POOP, BIG MAN--BUT THIS TIME THE SCRIPT HAS A DIFFERENT ENDING!
CACKLE WHILE YOU MAY! YOU'VE TRAPPED YOURSELF UP HERE! THERE'S NO PLACE FOR YOU TO RUN!
AFTER ALL--YOU USE THE CHOPPER BLADES YOUR WAY, AND I'LL USE THEM MINE!
BRUTE STRENGTH IS EVERYTHING --ESPECIALLY COUPLED WITH MY GENIUS! YOUR SPEED CAN'T SAVE YOU FROM THE OX!

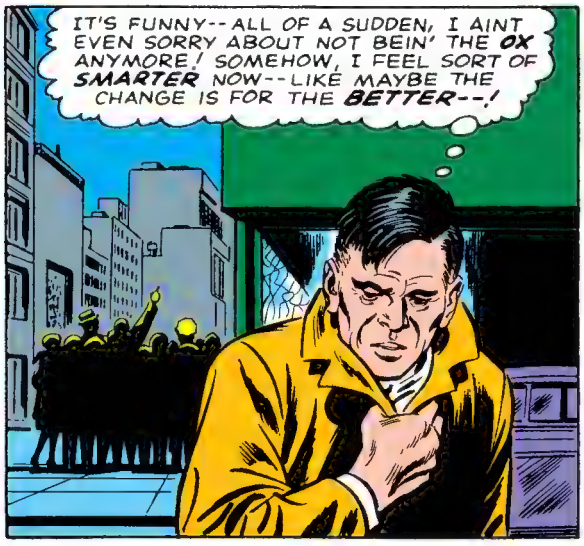

Y'KNOW, I LIKED YOU BETTER THE WAY YOU USED TO BE...
AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T TALK SO MUCH!
BOK!
ARGHHHH--!

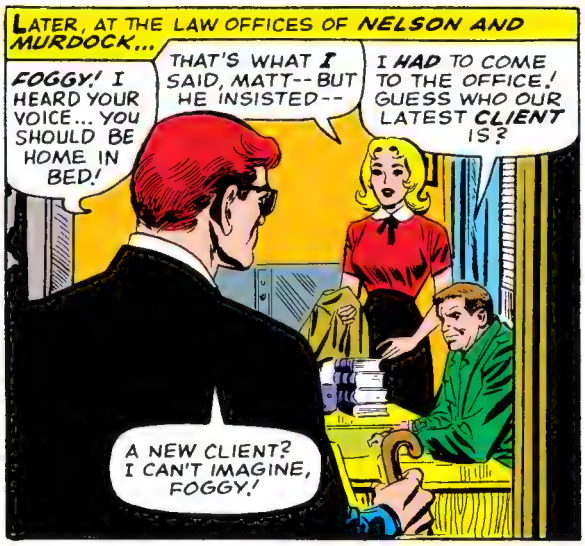
MAD WITH RAGE, HE WHO HAD BEEN KARL STRAGG LUNGES FORTH--LITTLE DREAMING THAT THE GENIUS OF WHICH HE BOASTED IS SLOWLY EBBING AWAY--AS HIS MIND GRADUALLY BECOMES MORE AND MORE LIKE THAT OF THE REAL OX--!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT! NOTHING WILL SAVE YOU NOW! NOTHING! NOTHING! NOTHING!

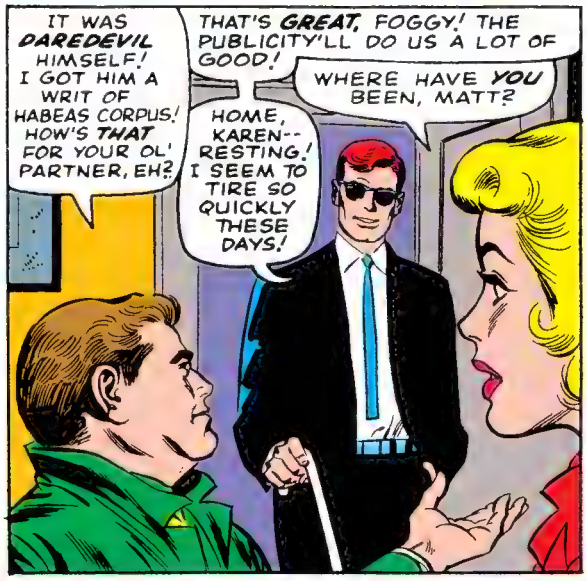

OX! DON'T BE A FOOL! STAY BACK--!
I'LL CRUSH YOU LIKE A WORM! NO ONE CAN DEFEAT ME! NO ONE CAN DEFEAT--

--THE OX!
I MUST HAVE IMAGINED THE CHANGE IN HIM! THERE--AT THE END--HE SOUNDED JUST AS I REMEMBERED HIM --JUST AS SAVAGE, AND BRUTAL--AND UNTHINKING!

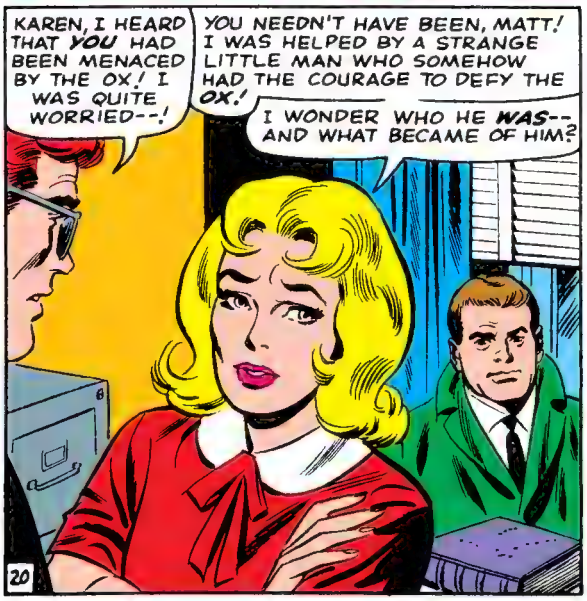
AND, AS A SHOCKED CROWD GATHERS AT THE BASE OF THE BUILDING, ONE SLIGHT FIGURE SLOWLY TURNS AND SILENTLY WALKS AWAY...
OKAY, STEP ASIDE--STEP ASIDE!
IT'S OVER --AT LAST!


IT'S FUNNY--ALL OF A SUDDEN, I AINT EVEN SORRY ABOUT NOT BEIN' THE OX ANYMORE! SOMEHOW, I FEEL SORT OF SMARTER NOW--LIKE MAYBE THE CHANGE IS FOR THE BETTER--!

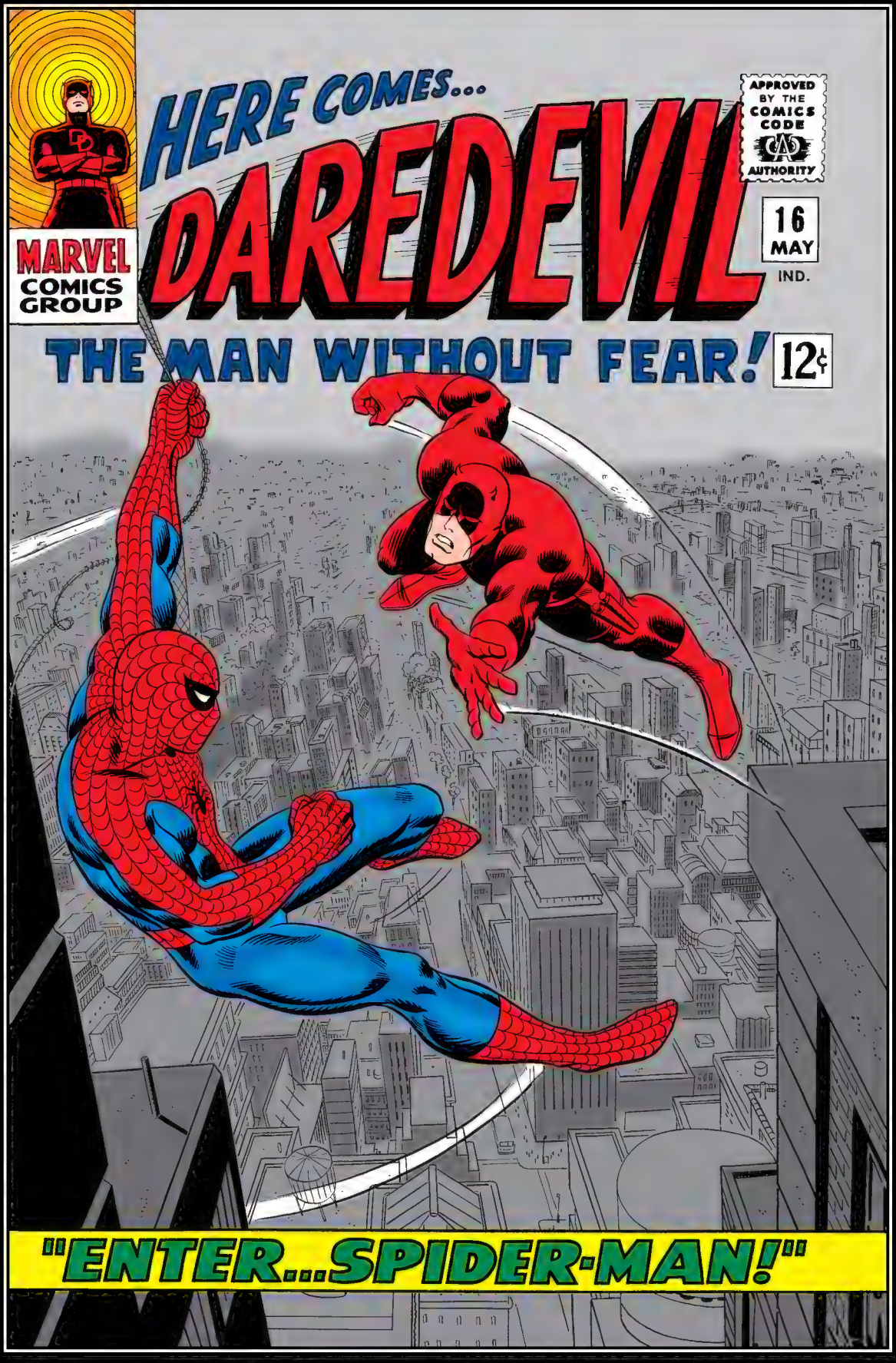

LATER, AT THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK...
FOGGY! I HEARD YOUR VOICE... YOU SHOULD BE HOME IN BED!
THAT'S WHAT I SAID, MATT--BUT HE INSISTED--
I HAD TO COME TO THE OFFICE! GUESS WHO OUR LATEST CLIENT IS?
A NEW CLIENT? I CAN'T IMAGINE, FOGGY!


IT WAS DAREDEVIL HIMSELF! I GOT HIM A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS! HOW'S THAT FOR YOUR OL' PARTNER, EH?
THAT'S GREAT, FOGGY! THE PUBLICITY'LL DO US A LOT OF GOOD!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, MATT?
HOME, KAREN--RESTING! I SEEM TO TIRE SO QUICKLY THESE DAYS!

LET'S FACE IT, PARTNER--NEITHER OF US IS CUT OUT TO BE A SUPER HERO! IT'S A GOOD THING WE STUDIED FOR THE BAR!
YOU'RE RIGHT! THUMBING THE PAGES OF A LAW BOOK IS ABOUT ALL THE EXCITEMENT I CAN TAKE!


KAREN, I HEARD THAT YOU HAD BEEN MENACED BY THE OX! I WAS QUITE WORRIED--!
YOU NEEDN'T HAVE BEEN, MATT! I WAS HELPED BY A STRANGE LITTLE MAN WHO SOMEHOW HAD THE COURAGE TO DEFY THE OX!
I WONDER WHO HE WAS--AND WHAT BECAME OF HIM?

BUT, MANY ARE THE UNSOLVED MYSTERIES OF A GREAT CITY, AND--AS A SMALL, SILENT FIGURE FADES INTO THE NIGHT--ANOTHER IS ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER!
I'LL GO BACK TO PRISON NOW! IT'S LIKE BEING GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE! AND THIS TIME, I'LL MAKE SOMETHING OF MYSELF!
I'LL TRY TO BE WORTHY --OF THIS MIRACLE!
NEXT ISSUE: SPIDER-MAN!
'NUFF SAID!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ANOTHER MINOR MASTERPIECE IN THE MILDLY MAGNIFICENT MARVEL MANNER!
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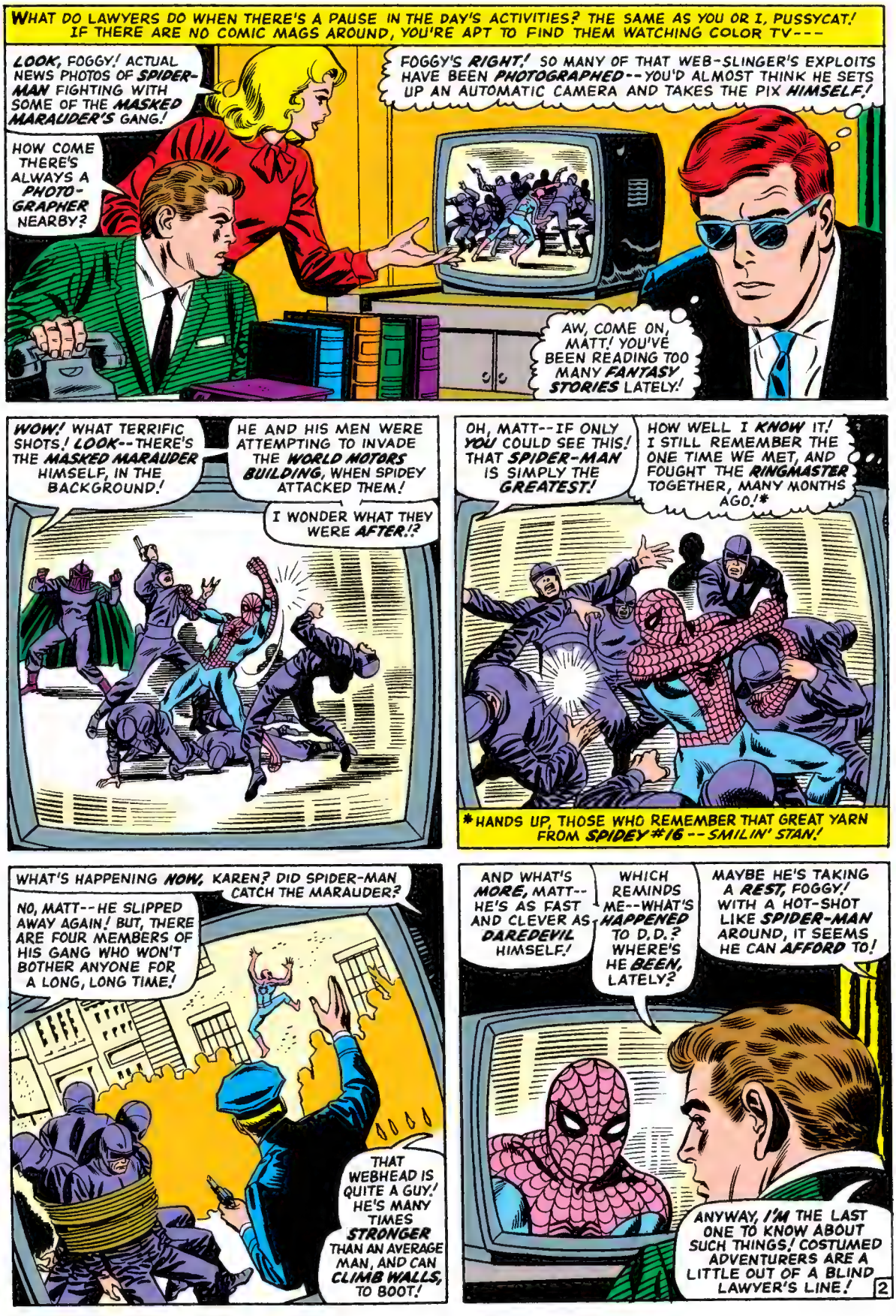
WHAT DO LAWYERS DO WHEN THERE'S A PAUSE IN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES? THE SAME AS YOU OR I, PUSSYCAT! IF THERE ARE NO COMIC MAGS AROUND, YOU'RE APT TO FIND THEM WATCHING COLOR TV---
LOOK, FOGGY! ACTUAL NEWS PHOTOS OF SPIDER-MAN FIGHTING WITH SOME OF THE MASKED MARAUDER'S GANG!
HOW COME THERE'S ALWAYS A PHOTO-GRAPHER NEARBY?
FOGGY'S RIGHT! SO MANY OF THAT WEB-SLINGER'S EXPLOITS HAVE BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED--YOU'D ALMOST THINK HE SETS UP AN AUTOMATIC CAMERA AND TAKES THE PIX HIMSELF!
AW, COME ON, MATT! YOU'VE BEEN READING TOO MANY FANTASY STORIES LATELY!
WOW! WHAT TERRIFIC SHOTS! LOOK--THERE'S THE MASKED MARAUDER HIMSELF, IN THE BACKGROUND!
HE AND HIS MEN WERE ATTEMPTING TO INVADE THE WORLD MOTORS BUILDING, WHEN SPIDEY ATTACKED THEM!
I WONDER WHAT THEY WERE AFTER!?
OH, MATT--IF ONLY YOU COULD SEE THIS! THAT SPIDER-MAN IS SIMPLY THE GREATEST!
HOW WELL I KNOW IT! I STILL REMEMBER THE ONE TIME WE MET, AND FOUGHT THE RINGMASTER TOGETHER, MANY MONTHS AGO!*
*HANDS UP, THOSE WHO REMEMBER THAT GREAT YARN FROM SPIDEY #16 -- SMILIN' STAN!
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW, KAREN? DID SPIDER-MAN CATCH THE MARAUDER?
NO, MATT--HE SLIPPED AWAY AGAIN! BUT, THERE ARE FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS GANG WHO WON'T BOTHER ANYONE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!
THAT WEBHEAD IS QUITE A GUY! HE'S MANY TIMES STRONGER THAN AN AVERAGE MAN, AND CAN CLIMB WALLS, TO BOOT!
AND WHAT'S MORE, MATT--HE'S AS FAST AND CLEVER AS DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
WHICH REMINDS ME--WHAT'S HAPPENED TO D.D.? WHERE'S HE BEEN, LATELY?
MAYBE HE'S TAKING A REST, FOGGY! WITH A HOT-SHOT LIKE SPIDER-MAN AROUND, IT SEEMS HE CAN AFFORD TO!
ANYWAY, I'M THE LAST ONE TO KNOW ABOUT SUCH THINGS! COSTUMED ADVENTURERS ARE A LITTLE OUT OF A BLIND LAWYER'S LINE!
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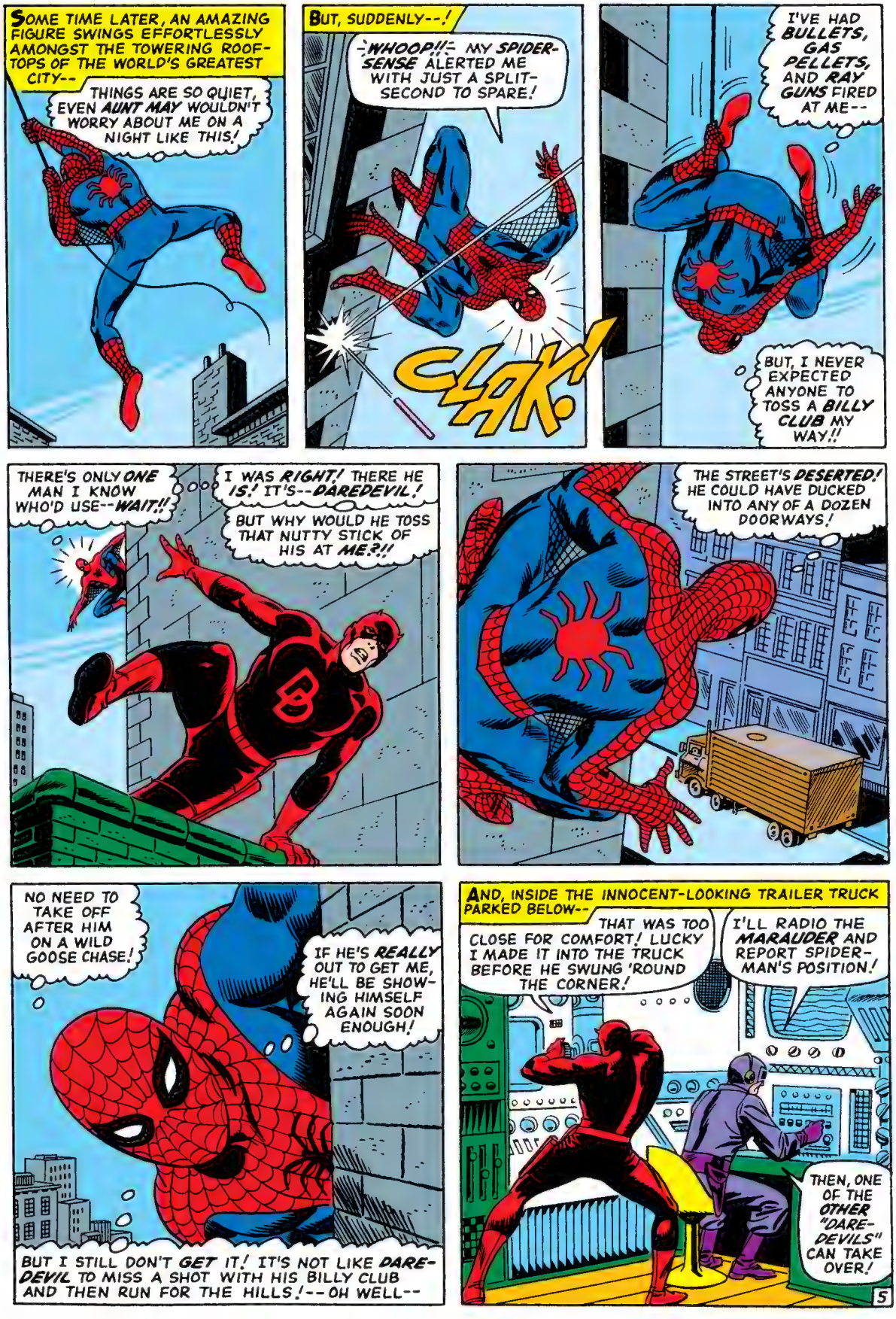
WELL, IF YOU ASK ME, THE MASKED MARAUDER AND HIS MEN ARE TOO MUCH FOR DAREDEVIL TO TACKLE! HE'S PROBABLY MORE THAN HAPPY TO LET SPIDER-MAN TAKE ALL THE RISKS!
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT, FOGGY!
D.D. WAS ALWAYS TOO MUCH OF A GLAMOR BOY TO SUIT ME!
FOGGY NELSON! HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALL THE TIMES THAT DAREDEVIL HAS HELPED US? WHY, I EVEN OWE MY LIFE TO HIM!
GRANTED, HONEY! BUT HE'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU NEVER FORGET IT!
AWW--FORGIVE ME, KAREN! I DIDN'T MEAN IT! IT'S JUST THAT I GET SO GOSH-AWFUL JEALOUS WHEN I THINK OF YOU BEING IMPRESSED BY ANY OTHER MAN!
LET'S FORGET THE WHOLE THING, FOGGY! I HAD NO RIGHT TO CRITICIZE YOU, EITHER!
IF EVER I DOUBTED HOW FOGGY FEELS ABOUT HER, IT WAS JUST SPELLED OUT FOR ME NOW!
MANY THANKS, MARVELITE, FOR STAYING WITH US DURING THE HEARTS AND FLOWERS PORTION OF OUR YARN! BUT NOW, YOUR PATIENCE IS ABOUT TO BE REWARDED, AS WE VISIT THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED MARAUDER...
SPIDER-MAN HAS INTERFERED WITH MY PLANS FOR THE LAST TIME! NOW, WE SHALL STRIKE BACK AT HIM!
IF YOU ALL FOLLOW MY ORDERS TO THE LETTER, HE WILL NEVER TROUBLE US AGAIN!
ONLY A GENIUS LIKE MYSELF COULD HAVE DEVISED SO FOOLPROOF, SO IMAGINATIVE A SCHEME!
BY SEEING TO IT THAT SPIDER-MAN KEEPS OCCUPIED FIGHTING DAREDEVIL, WE'LL MAKE CERTAIN HE HASN'T THE TIME--OR THE OPPORTUNITY--TO HINDER US AGAIN!
YOUR COSTUMES ARE PERFECT! THEY ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE REAL DAREDEVIL! WE CANNOT FAIL!

NOW, YOU WILL ALL GO TO YOUR APPOINTED STATIONS AND KEEP THE VIGIL UNTIL ONE OF YOU LOCATES SPIDER-MAN! THEN, WHEN HE COMES INTO SIGHT--YOU WILL ATTACK HIM!
NOW GO!
HOLD IT, MARAUDER!!
THESE OTHER CREEPS MAY BE DUMB ENOUGH TO TACKLE SPIDER-MAN SINGLE-HANDED --BUT NOT ME! YOU WANNA GO AGAINST A GUY LIKE HIM-- DO IT YOURSELF!
I AM GLAD YOU SPOKE OUT THAT WAY! AS YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE ALL MY MEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOICE AN OPINION!
BUT, UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I DO NOT SHARE YOUR OPINION! NOR DO I APPRECIATE YOUR DISRESPECTFUL TONE OF VOICE!
PERHAPS A MILD DOSE OF MY BLINDING OPTI-BLAST WILL MAKE YOU REALIZE THAT I AM TO BE FEARED FAR MORE THAN SPIDER-MAN!
ZAT!
ONCE THE TEMPORARY PARALYSIS OF YOUR OPTIC NERVES WEARS OFF, YOU'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO SERVE ME! TILL THEN-- TAKE HIM AWAY!
THE REST OF YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS! EXECUTE THEM, BEFORE MY PATIENCE BEGINS TO WEAR THIN!
WHAT A PERFECT PLAN! SO SATANIC IN ITS SHEER SIMPLICITY! BY TRICKING SPIDER-MAN INTO THINKING THAT DAREDEVIL IS HIS ENEMY, I'LL SET THEM BOTH AGAINST EACH OTHER!
NO MATTER WHICH ONE WINS, I'LL BE THE TRUE VICTOR, FOR I SHALL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR BATTLE TO ACCOMPLISH MY OWN GRAND DESIGN!
DO NOT RETURN --ANY OF YOU-- UNTIL SPIDER-MAN HAS BEEN ATTACKED!


SOME TIME LATER, AN AMAZING FIGURE SWINGS EFFORTLESSLY AMONGST THE TOWERING ROOF-TOPS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST CITY--
THINGS ARE SO QUIET, EVEN AUNT MAY WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT ME ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS!
BUT, SUDDENLY--!
-WHOOP!!- MY SPIDER-SENSE ALERTED ME WITH JUST A SPLIT-SECOND TO SPARE!
CLAK!
I'VE HAD BULLETS, GAS PELLETS, AND RAY GUNS FIRED AT ME--
BUT, I NEVER EXPECTED ANYONE TO TOSS A BILLY CLUB MY WAY!!
THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN I KNOW WHO'D USE--WAIT!!
I WAS RIGHT! THERE HE IS! IT'S--DAREDEVIL!
BUT WHY WOULD HE TOSS THAT NUTTY STICK OF HIS AT ME?!!
THE STREET'S DESERTED! HE COULD HAVE DUCKED INTO ANY OF A DOZEN DOORWAYS!
NO NEED TO TAKE OFF AFTER HIM ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE!
IF HE'S REALLY OUT TO GET ME, HE'LL BE SHOWING HIMSELF AGAIN SOON ENOUGH!
BUT I STILL DON'T GET IT! IT'S NOT LIKE DAREDEVIL TO MISS A SHOT WITH HIS BILLY CLUB AND THEN RUN FOR THE HILLS!--OH WELL--
AND, INSIDE THE INNOCENT-LOOKING TRAILER TRUCK PARKED BELOW--
THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT! LUCKY I MADE IT INTO THE TRUCK BEFORE HE SWUNG 'ROUND THE CORNER!
I'LL RADIO THE MARAUDER AND REPORT SPIDER-MAN'S POSITION!
THEN, ONE OF THE OTHER "DARE-DEVILS" CAN TAKE OVER!
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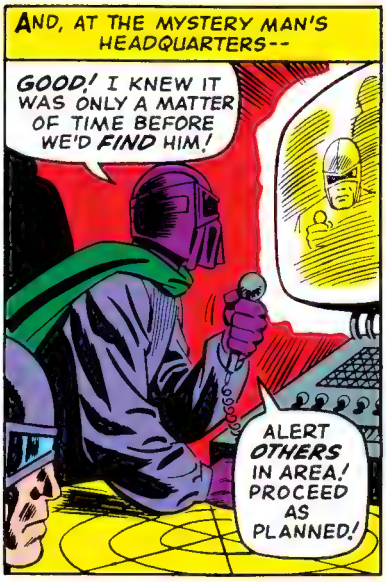
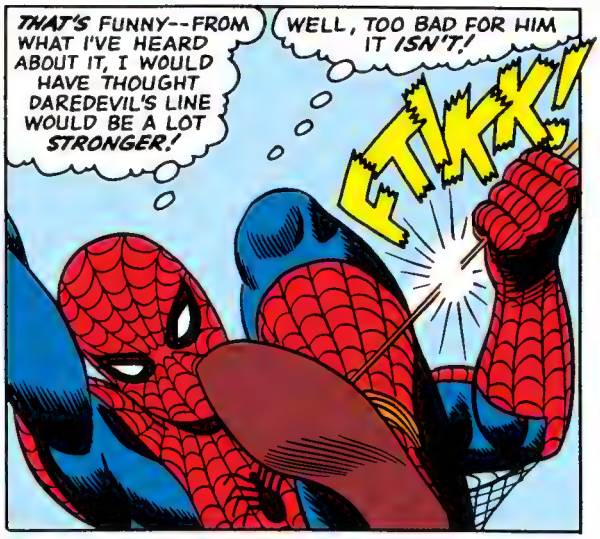

AND, AT THE MYSTERY MAN'S HEADQUARTERS--
GOOD! I KNEW IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE'D FIND HIM!
ALERT OTHERS IN AREA! PROCEED AS PLANNED!

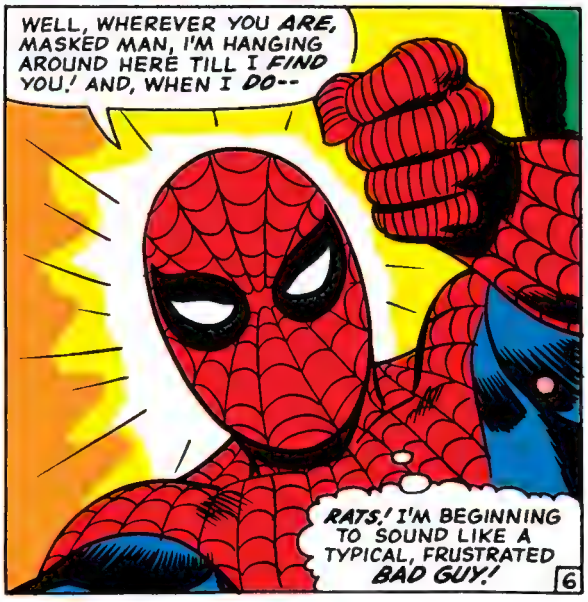
THUS, A FEW MINUTES LATER...
ON THAT ROOF-TOP-- IT'S HIM AGAIN!
BUT, NOW WHAT'S HE UP TO?

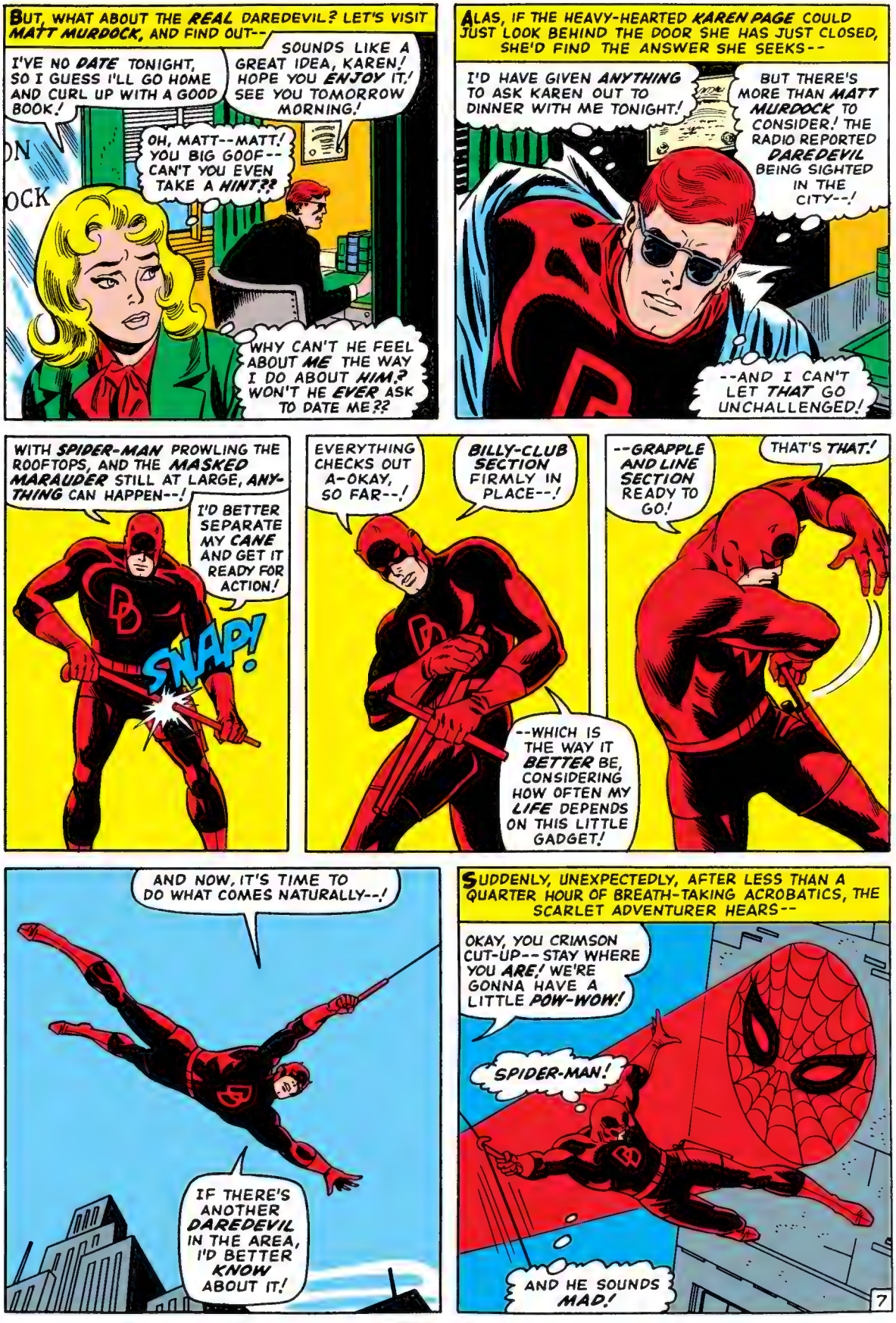
WHA--?!! HE SHOT A NYLON LINE OUT AT ME!
THWIP!
IF THIS IS SOME KINDA GAG, I'M NOT LAUGHING!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT DAREDEVIL AND I WERE TWO OF THE GOOD GUYS!! BUT, IF HE WANTS TO ACT LIKE A CORNY COSTUMED PAIN-IN-THE-NECK, I'LL SHOW HIM THAT TWO CAN PLAY THAT LITTLE GAME!!


THAT'S FUNNY--FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT DAREDEVIL'S LINE WOULD BE A LOT STRONGER!
WELL, TOO BAD FOR HIM IT ISN'T!
TIKK!

HE'S GONE AGAIN! WHAT'S WITH THAT NUT?? DOES HE WANNA FIGHT, OR DOESN'T HE??!
I KNOW HE'S NOT A COWARD--SO THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME OTHER ANSWER!


WELL, WHEREVER YOU ARE, MASKED MAN, I'M HANGING AROUND HERE TILL I FIND YOU! AND, WHEN I DO--
RATS! I'M BEGINNING TO SOUND LIKE A TYPICAL, FRUSTRATED BAD GUY!


BUT, WHAT ABOUT THE REAL DAREDEVIL? LET'S VISIT MATT MURDOCK, AND FIND OUT--
I'VE NO DATE TONIGHT, SO I GUESS I'LL GO HOME AND CURL UP WITH A GOOD BOOK!
SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA, KAREN! HOPE YOU ENJOY IT! SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING!
OH, MATT--MATT! YOU BIG GOOF-- CAN'T YOU EVEN TAKE A HINT??
WHY CAN'T HE FEEL ABOUT ME THE WAY I DO ABOUT HIM? WON'T HE EVER ASK TO DATE ME??
ALAS, IF THE HEAVY-HEARTED KAREN PAGE COULD JUST LOOK BEHIND THE DOOR SHE HAS JUST CLOSED, SHE'D FIND THE ANSWER SHE SEEKS--
I'D HAVE GIVEN ANYTHING TO ASK KAREN OUT TO DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT!
BUT THERE'S MORE THAN MATT MURDOCK TO CONSIDER! THE RADIO REPORTED DAREDEVIL BEING SIGHTED IN THE CITY--!
--AND I CAN'T LET THAT GO UNCHALLENGED!
WITH SPIDER-MAN PROWLING THE ROOFTOPS, AND THE MASKED MARAUDER STILL AT LARGE, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN--!
I'D BETTER SEPARATE MY CANE AND GET IT READY FOR ACTION!
SNAP!
EVERYTHING CHECKS OUT A-OKAY, SO FAR--!
BILLY-CLUB SECTION FIRMLY IN PLACE--!
--WHICH IS THE WAY IT BETTER BE, CONSIDERING HOW OFTEN MY LIFE DEPENDS ON THIS LITTLE GADGET!
--GRAPPLE AND LINE SECTION READY TO GO!
THAT'S THAT!
AND NOW, IT'S TIME TO DO WHAT COMES NATURALLY--!
IF THERE'S ANOTHER DAREDEVIL IN THE AREA, I'D BETTER KNOW ABOUT IT!
SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, AFTER LESS THAN A QUARTER HOUR OF BREATH-TAKING ACROBATICS, THE SCARLET ADVENTURER HEARS--
OKAY, YOU CRIMSON CUT-UP-- STAY WHERE YOU ARE! WE'RE GONNA HAVE A LITTLE POW-WOW!
SPIDER-MAN!
AND HE SOUNDS MAD!
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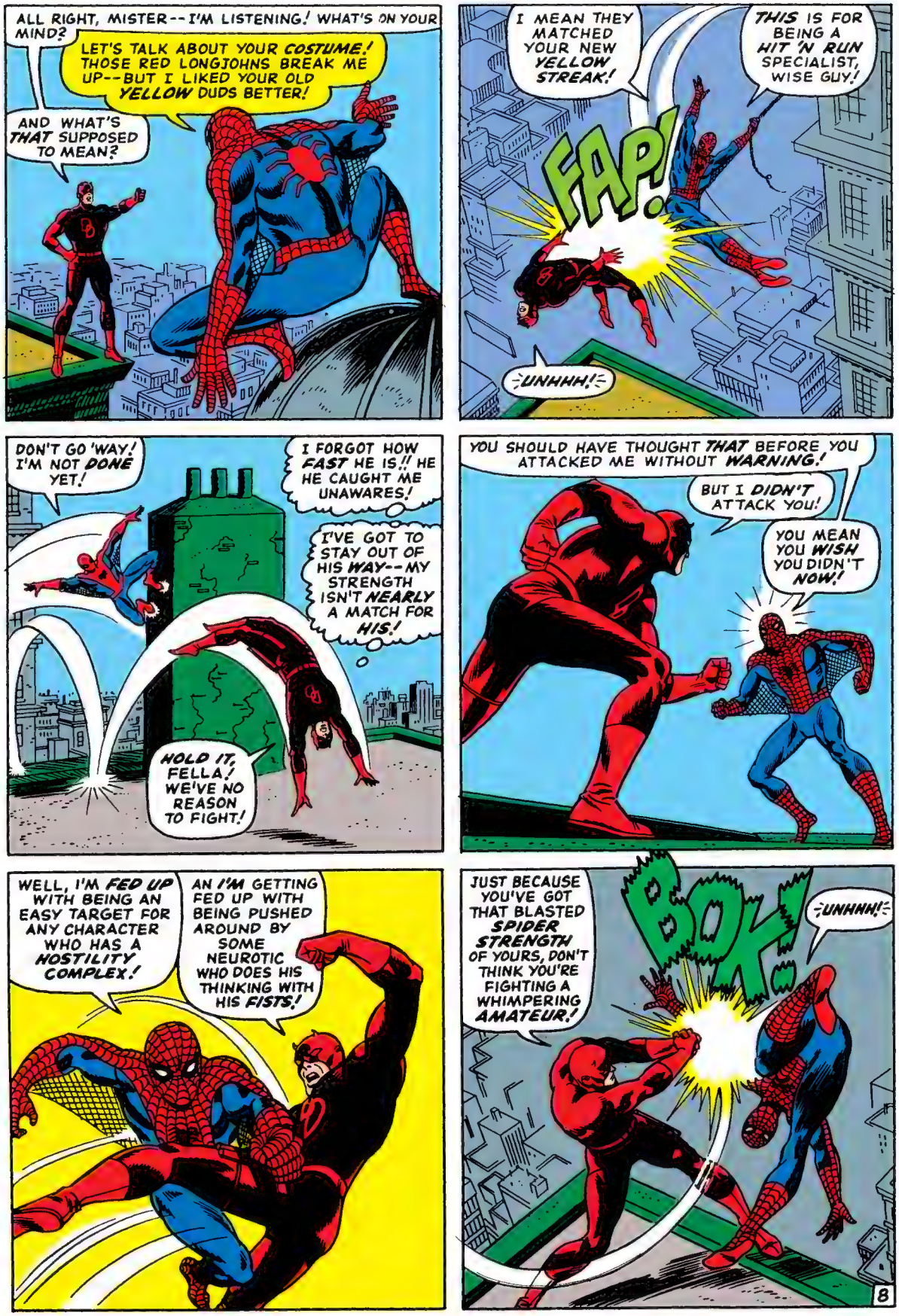
ALL RIGHT, MISTER--I'M LISTENING! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR COSTUME! THOSE RED LONGJOHNS BREAK ME UP--BUT I LIKED YOUR OLD YELLOW DUDS BETTER!
AND WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
I MEAN THEY MATCHED YOUR NEW YELLOW STREAK!
THIS IS FOR BEING A HIT 'N RUN SPECIALIST, WISE GUY!
FAP!
UNHHH!
DON'T GO 'WAY! I'M NOT DONE YET!
I FORGOT HOW FAST HE IS!! HE HE CAUGHT ME UNAWARES!
I'VE GOT TO STAY OUT OF HIS WAY--MY STRENGTH ISN'T NEARLY A MATCH FOR HIS!
HOLD IT, FELLA! WE'VE NO REASON TO FIGHT!
YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT BEFORE YOU ATTACKED ME WITHOUT WARNING!
BUT I DIDN'T ATTACK YOU!
YOU MEAN YOU WISH YOU DIDN'T NOW!
WELL, I'M FED UP WITH BEING AN EASY TARGET FOR ANY CHARACTER WHO HAS A HOSTILITY COMPLEX!
AN I'M GETTING FED UP WITH BEING PUSHED AROUND BY SOME NEUROTIC WHO DOES HIS THINKING WITH HIS FISTS!
JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT THAT BLASTED SPIDER STRENGTH OF YOURS, DON'T THINK YOU'RE FIGHTING A WHIMPERING AMATEUR!
BOK!
UNHHH!
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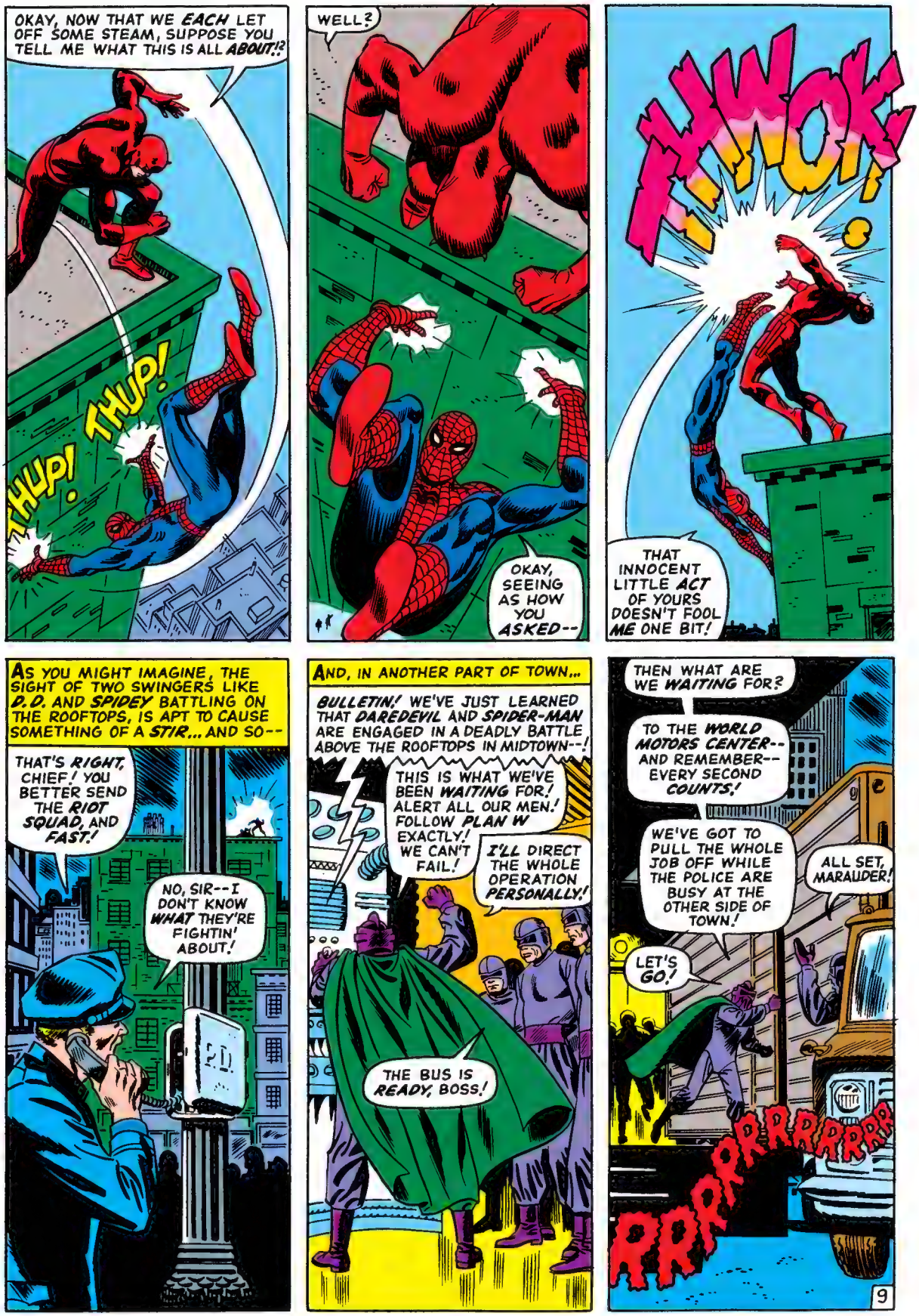
OKAY, NOW THAT WE EACH LET OFF SOME STEAM, SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!?
THUP!
THUP!
WELL?
OKAY, SEEING AS HOW YOU ASKED--
KWOK!
THAT INNOCENT LITTLE ACT OF YOURS DOESN'T FOOL ME ONE BIT!
AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, THE SIGHT OF TWO SWINGERS LIKE D.D. AND SPIDEY BATTLING ON THE ROOFTOPS, IS APT TO CAUSE SOMETHING OF A STIR... AND SO--
THAT'S RIGHT, CHIEF! YOU BETTER SEND THE RIOT SQUAD, AND FAST!
NO, SIR--I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE FIGHTIN' ABOUT!
AND, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN...
BULLETIN! WE'VE JUST LEARNED THAT DAREDEVIL AND SPIDER-MAN ARE ENGAGED IN A DEADLY BATTLE ABOVE THE ROOFTOPS IN MIDTOWN--!
THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! ALERT ALL OUR MEN! FOLLOW PLAN W EXACTLY! WE CAN'T FAIL!
I'LL DIRECT THE WHOLE OPERATION PERSONALLY!
THE BUS IS READY, BOSS!
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
TO THE WORLD MOTORS CENTER-- AND REMEMBER-- EVERY SECOND COUNTS!
WE'VE GOT TO PULL THE WHOLE JOB OFF WHILE THE POLICE ARE BUSY AT THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!
ALL SET, MARAUDER!
LET'S GO!
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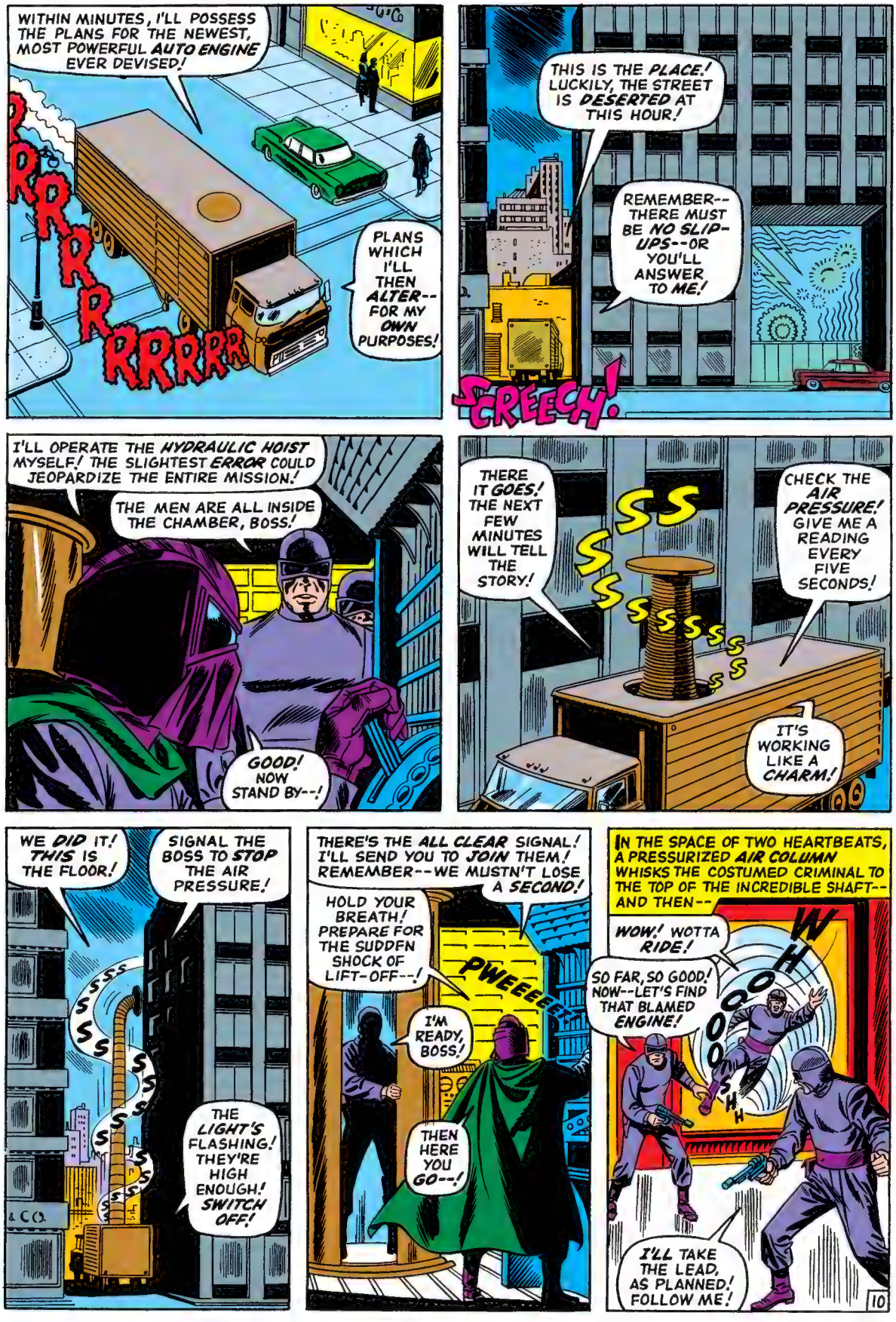
WITHIN MINUTES, I'LL POSSESS THE PLANS FOR THE NEWEST, MOST POWERFUL AUTO ENGINE EVER DEVISED!
RRRRRRRRRR
PLANS WHICH I'LL THEN ALTER--FOR MY OWN PURPOSES!
THIS IS THE PLACE! LUCKILY, THE STREET IS DESERTED AT THIS HOUR!
REMEMBER--THERE MUST BE NO SLIP-UPS--OR YOU'LL ANSWER TO ME!
SCREECH!
I'LL OPERATE THE HYDRAULIC HOIST MYSELF! THE SLIGHTEST ERROR COULD JEOPARDIZE THE ENTIRE MISSION!
THE MEN ARE ALL INSIDE THE CHAMBER, BOSS!
GOOD! NOW STAND BY--!
THERE IT GOES! THE NEXT FEW MINUTES WILL TELL THE STORY!
SSSSSSSSSSSS
CHECK THE AIR PRESSURE! GIVE ME A READING EVERY FIVE SECONDS!
IT'S WORKING LIKE A CHARM!
WE DID IT! THIS IS THE FLOOR!
SIGNAL THE BOSS TO STOP THE AIR PRESSURE!
SSSSSSSSSSS

THIS IS IT-- THE ADVANCED PLANS VAULT!
CLAM UP! WE AINT SIGHT-SEERS!
NOW SET UP THE EQUIPMENT--AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!
WE'VE GOT TO BE BACK IN THIRTY SECONDS!
THE MARAUDER SAID THIS SHOCK-SHATTER RAY WOULD DO THE JOB IN THREE SECONDS!
AND HE WASN'T KIDDIN'! JUST LOOK AT THAT!
BRAK
OKAY-- IT'S OPEN!! LET'S GO!
IT'S JUST WHAT WE WANTED--THE DETAILED PLANS FOR THE XB-390 ENGINE!
LOOKS LIKE GIBBERISH TO ME!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO UNDERSTAND IT--THAT'S THE MARAUDER'S JOB!
C'MON! LET'S GET BACK TO THE TRUCK!
WHILE, HUNDREDS OF FEET BELOW, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE INCREDIBLE AIR SHAFT--
GUARDS! THEY'VE ALTERED THEIR SCHEDULE! THEY'RE ALMOST TWO MINUTES EARLY!
YOU! GET THIS TRUCK OUTTA HERE! YOU'RE PARKED IN A RESTRICTED--HEY!
HOLY HANNAH! WE'VE NABBED THE MASKED MARAUDER!
LOOK WHO IT IS!
CAN'T LET THEM STOP ME NOW!
ON THE CONTRARY, MY FOOLHARDY FRIENDS! IT IS I WHO HAVE NABBED YOU!
DID YOU THINK THE MARAUDER COULD BE SO EASILY CAPTURED BY TWO BLUNDERING CLODS LIKE YOU??!
HA!
BY THE TIME YOUR VISION HAS RECOVERED FROM THE SUDDEN IMPACT OF MY BLINDING VISI-BLAST, MY MEN AND I WILL BE SAFELY GONE!
AND WITH US, WILL BE THE SECRET PLANS FOR FOR THE XB-390, THE GREATEST NEW ENGINE DISCOVERY OF THE DECADE!
THAT BLINDING FLASH! C-CAN'T SEE A THING--!
-UHHH!!- MY EYES!
WHERE ARE THOSE FOOLS WITH THE PLANS?? THEY SHOULD HAVE RETURNED BY NOW!!
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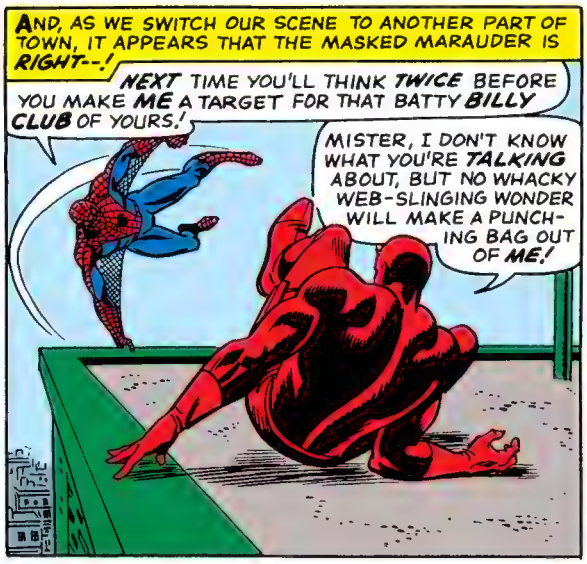
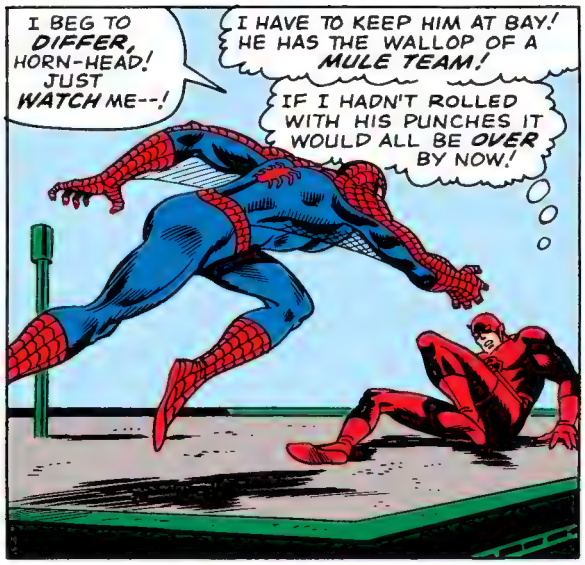
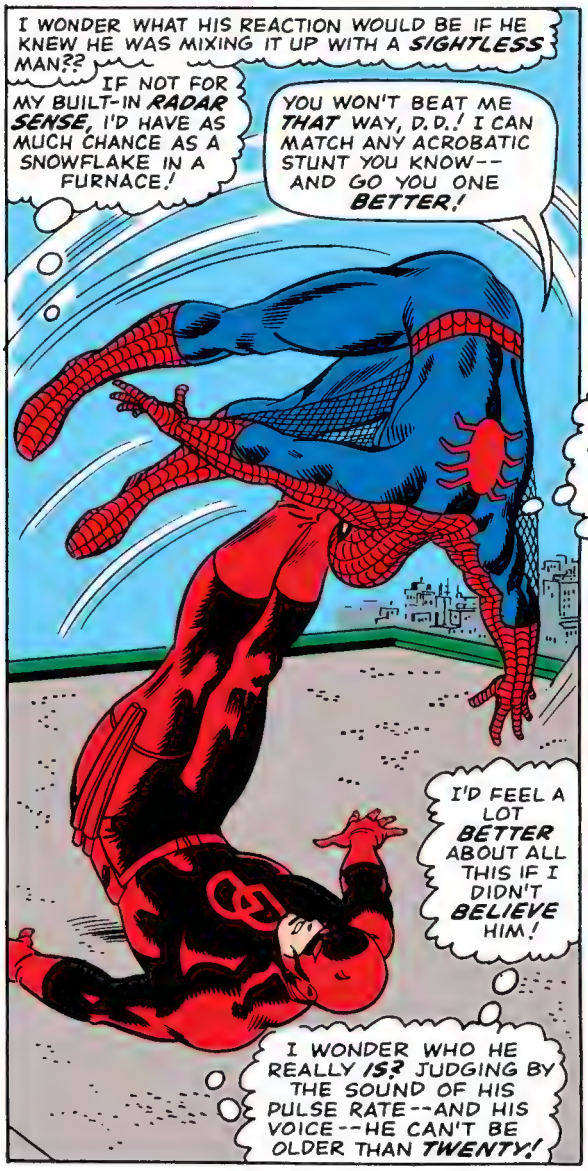
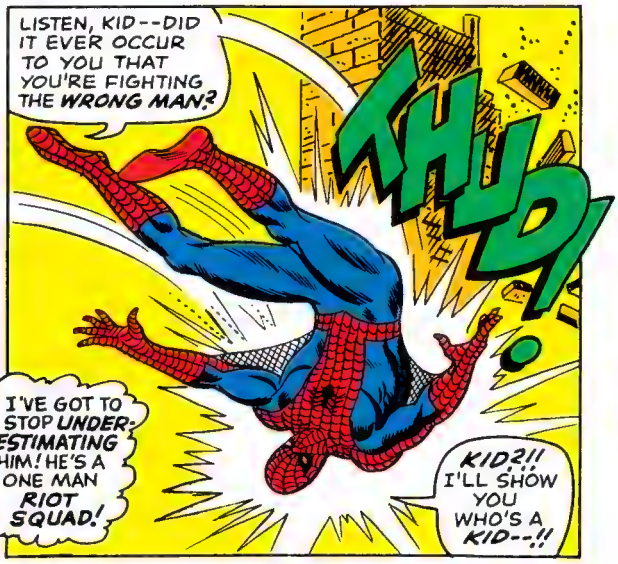
BUT, THEN-- THE SUDDEN SOUND OF ONRUSHING AIR IS HEARD--
SWOOSH!
AHH!-- JUST IN TIME!
CLICK!
AND, AS THE TEMPORARILY BLINDED GUARDS CONTINUE TO GROPE ABOUT HELPLESSLY...
IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM, BOSS! WE GOT THE PLANS YOU WANTED!
GOOD! GIVE THEM TO ME! PREPARE TO RETRACT THE TUBE LIFT WITHIN SEVEN SECONDS!
THE MEN ARE ALL SAFELY BACK IN THE TRUCK, AS ORDERED!
THIS IS WHERE WE SEPARATE! FOLLOW MANEUVER E AS PLANNED, IN ORDER TO CONFUSE ANY PURSUIT!
WE'LL RENDEZVOUS AT HEADQUARTERS WITHIN THE HOUR!
GOTCHA, BOSS!
THWIPP!
SSSSSS
QUICKLY! LOWER THE RAMP!
SSSSS


AND, AS WE SWITCH OUR SCENE TO ANOTHER PART OF TOWN, IT APPEARS THAT THE MASKED MARAUDER IS RIGHT--!
NEXT TIME YOU'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU MAKE ME A TARGET FOR THAT BATTY BILLY CLUB OF YOURS!
MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT NO WHACKY WEB-SLINGING WONDER WILL MAKE A PUNCHING BAG OUT OF ME!


I BEG TO DIFFER, HORN-HEAD! JUST WATCH ME--!
I HAVE TO KEEP HIM AT BAY! HE HAS THE WALLOP OF A MULE TEAM!
IF I HADN'T ROLLED WITH HIS PUNCHES IT WOULD ALL BE OVER BY NOW!


I WONDER WHAT HIS REACTION WOULD BE IF HE KNEW HE WAS MIXING IT UP WITH A SIGHTLESS MAN??
IF NOT FOR MY BUILT-IN RADAR SENSE, I'D HAVE AS MUCH CHANCE AS A SNOWFLAKE IN A FURNACE!
YOU WON'T BEAT ME THAT WAY, D.D.! I CAN MATCH ANY ACROBATIC STUNT YOU KNOW-- AND GO YOU ONE BETTER!
I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER ABOUT ALL THIS IF I DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM!
I WONDER WHO HE REALLY IS? JUDGING BY THE SOUND OF HIS PULSE RATE--AND HIS VOICE--HE CAN'T BE OLDER THAN TWENTY!


LISTEN, KID--DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT YOU'RE FIGHTING THE WRONG MAN?
THUD!
I'VE GOT TO STOP UNDER-ESTIMATING HIM! HE'S A ONE MAN RIOT SQUAD!
KID?!! I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S A KID--!!

BLAST IT! I SAID THE WRONG THING! I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED A FELLA HIS AGE MIGHT RESENT BEING CALLED A KID! NOW HE'S REALLY MAD!
JUST STAY WHERE YOU ARE, YOU CRIMSON CREEP! IT'LL BE OVER IN A MINUTE!

I'VE GOT TO STALL HIM--TILL I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING--!
HOW COME YOU'RE TACKLING ME? WAS THE MASKED MARAUDER TOO MUCH FOR YOU?
YOU'RE NOT FOOLIN' ME, MISTER! I JUST FIGURED SOMETHING OUT--!
FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU'RE IN LEAGUE WITH THE MARAUDER! THAT COULD BE WHY YOU ATTACKED ME--TO KEEP ME OCCUPIED WHILE HE PULLS A JOB ELSEWHERE!
A CLEVER GUESS, WEB-HEAD! BUT THAT'S WHAT I WAS BEGINNING TO SUSPECT ABOUT YOU!
-UHHH!- IF YOU'D ONLY STAY PUT FOR A SECOND--!
HE'S GETTING CLOSER WITH EACH BLOW! AND WITH HIS STRENGTH, I'M SURE TO WEAKEN BEFORE HE DOES!
SO, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE--SOMEHOW--!
KRAK!
I'LL NAIL YOU SOONER OR LATER--
HIS STYLE IS ALMOST THE SAME AS MINE--AND YET--
--THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM! IT'S AS THOUGH HE HAS AN EXTRA SENSE OF SOME SORT --BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS!
MAYBE I AM MAKING A MISTAKE ABOUT HIM! HE SURE DOESN'T ACT LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S TRYING TO HARM ME....!
HE STOPPED! PROBABLY PLANNING A NEW ATTACK! NOW'S MY CHANCE--!
LITTLE BILLY CLUB-- IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO EARN YOUR KEEP--!
HAH!! YOU MISSED!
OKAY--THAT SINKS IT! THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR GOING EASY ON YOU!
THWIP!
EASY ON ME? I'D HATE TO SEE YOU WHEN YOU'RE ROUGH ON A FELLA!
THAPP!
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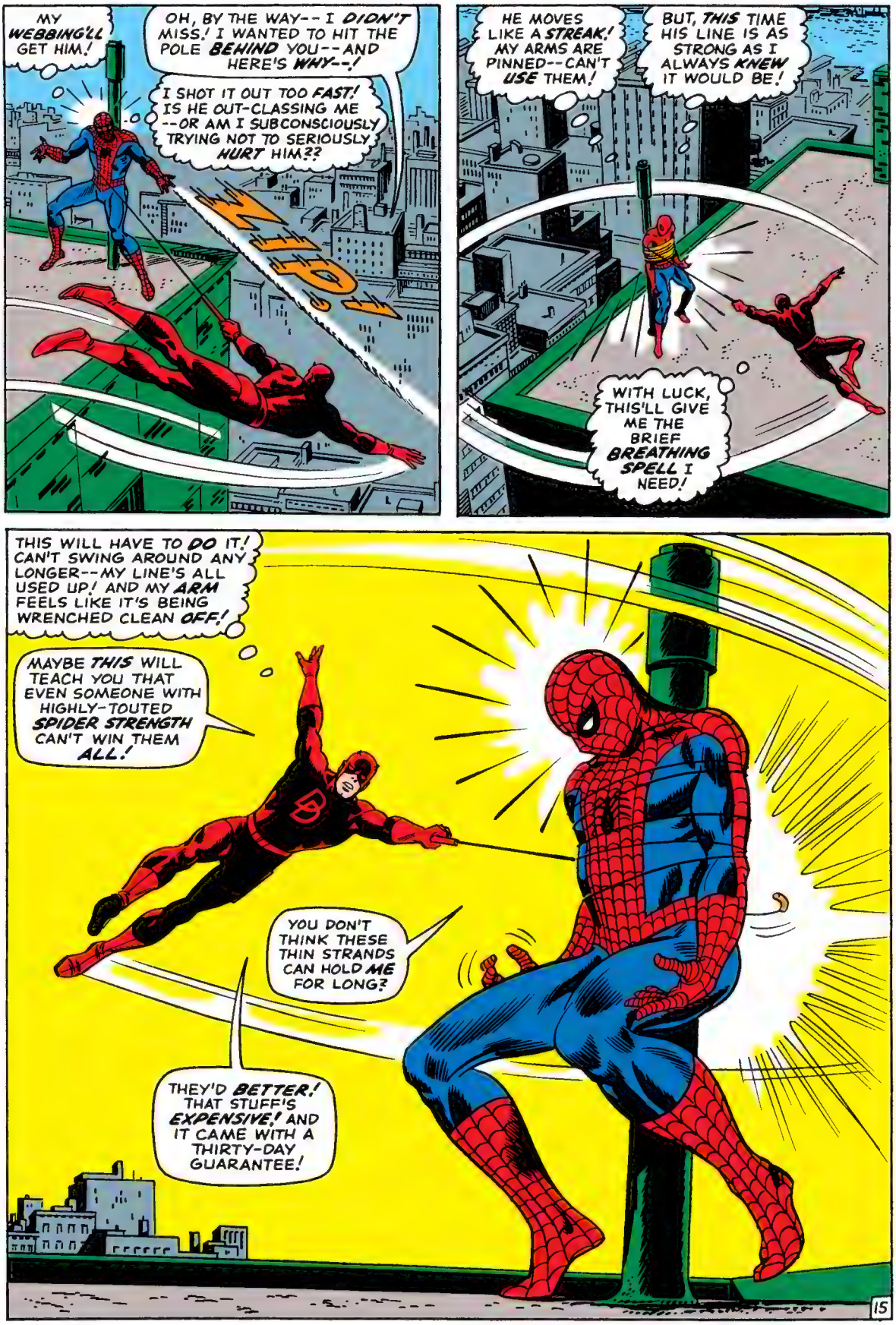
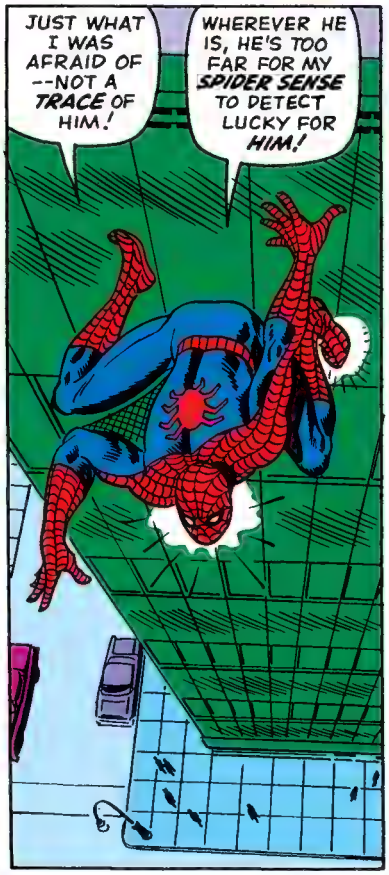

MY WEBBING'LL GET HIM!
OH, BY THE WAY--I DIDN'T MISS! I WANTED TO HIT THE POLE BEHIND YOU--AND HERE'S WHY--!
I SHOT IT OUT TOO FAST! IS HE OUT-CLASSING ME --OR AM I SUBCONSCIOUSLY TRYING NOT TO SERIOUSLY HURT HIM??
ZIP!
HE MOVES LIKE A STREAK! MY ARMS ARE PINNED--CAN'T USE THEM!
BUT, THIS TIME HIS LINE IS AS STRONG AS I ALWAYS KNEW IT WOULD BE!
WITH LUCK, THIS'LL GIVE ME THE BRIEF BREATHING SPELL I NEED!
THIS WILL HAVE TO DO IT! CAN'T SWING AROUND ANY LONGER--MY LINE'S ALL USED UP! AND MY ARM FEELS LIKE IT'S BEING WRENCHED CLEAN OFF!
MAYBE THIS WILL TEACH YOU THAT EVEN SOMEONE WITH HIGHLY-TOUTED SPIDER STRENGTH CAN'T WIN THEM ALL!
YOU DON'T THINK THESE THIN STRANDS CAN HOLD ME FOR LONG?
THEY'D BETTER! THAT STUFF'S EXPENSIVE! AND IT CAME WITH A THIRTY-DAY GUARANTEE!

THAT DOES IT, SPIDEY! I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!
PERHAPS NEXT TIME YOU'LL KNOW BETTER THAN TO ATTACK SOMEONE LIKE A HOT-HEADED JUVENILE TROUBLEMAKER!
WAIT! I'M NOT FINISHED WITH YOU YET!
IF YOU'VE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY--WRITE ME A LETTER!

I'D BETTER TAKE OFF FAST! HE'S READY TO EXPLODE!
I SURE WAS LUCKY TO COME OUT OF THAT UNSCATHED!
AND IT'S A SAFE BET MY LINE WON'T HOLD HIM VERY MUCH LONGER!

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER TO ALL THIS! SOMEONE HAD TO BE IMPERSONATING ME--ATTACKING SPIDER-MAN IN MY COSTUME!
BUT, I CAN'T PROVE THAT UNTIL I CATCH THE IMPOSTER!
RIGHT NOW, HOWEVER, I'D BETTER LOSE MYSELF FAST--BEFORE SPIDEY GETS ON MY TRAIL AGAIN!

AND, EVEN AS THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR SWIFTLY SWINGS OUT OF SIGHT...
SNAPP!
I'M FREE!
BUT THAT RED-GARBED GOON IS PROBABLY GONE BY NOW!


JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF--NOT A TRACE OF HIM!
WHEREVER HE IS, HE'S TOO FAR FOR MY SPIDER SENSE TO DETECT LUCKY FOR HIM!

WELL, I'VE HAD PLENTY OF TRIUMPHANT DAYS IN MY WEB-SPRINKLED CAREER--
BUT THIS SURE WASN'T ONE OF THEM!
SO, I GUESS IT'S BACK TO THE RANCH FOR A WHILE!

BUT, IN THE CASE OF SPIDER-MAN, THE "RANCH" CONSISTS OF A TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE IN FOREST HILLS, WHERE WE FIND PETER PARKER THE NEXT MORNING, WITH HIS DOTING AUNT MAY---
GOSH, YOU'RE UP EARLY, AUNT MAY!
I KNOW, PETER DEAR! I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO RUSH OFF WITHOUT YOUR BREAKFAST AGAIN TODAY!
A FRAIL BOY LIKE YOU NEEDS HIS NOURISHMENT!
BRO-THER!
THEN, ONE PIPING-HOT PLATE OF OATMEAL LATER--
SHOULDN'T YOU WEAR YOUR SWEATER, DEAR? IT'S A BIT NIPPY OUT!
AW, THAT'S OKAY! I FEEL KINDA RUGGED TODAY!
SEE YOU LATER, AUNT MAY!
BLESS HER LOVING HEART! IF I ONLY DARED TELL HER THE TRUTH ABOUT MYSELF--!
THEN, AFTER A SUBWAY RIDE TO THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY BUGLE...
MR. JAMESON, HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT--?
A FINE TIME FOR YOU TO SHOW UP, PARKER!
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I NEEDED YOU??
NEEDED ME??
SOME FREE-LANCE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER YOU TURNED OUT TO BE!! PHOOEY!
THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE MONTH AND I HAVEN'T ONE PICTURE!
NO ONE'S GONNA TELL ME THAT SPIDER-MAN ISN'T BEHIND THE WHOLE THING! I'M CONVINCED THAT HE ATTACKED DAREDEVIL JUST TO LURE THE POLICE AWAY FROM THE MARAUDER!
FINAL
DAILY BUGLE
MASKED MARAUDER GANG STRIKES AGAIN!
VITAL XB-390 ENGINE STOLEN AS DAREDEVIL AND SPIDER-MAN BATTLE ON CITY ROOFTOPS!
I KNOW SPIDEY ISN'T GUILTY-- BUT WHAT ABOUT DAREDEVIL?
GET OUT! OUT! I HATE EVERYBODY TODAY! ESPECIALLY PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO DON'T BRING ME ANY PICTURES!
WHAT IF DAREDEVIL IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE MARAUDER? THAT WOULD EXPLAIN HIS ATTACK ON ME!
BUT WHY HIM? IF A FELLA LIKE DAREDEVIL CAN TURN BAD--THEN HOW CAN YOU EVER TRUST ANYONE??
AND, EVEN AS PETER PARKER LEAVES THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE...
EXTRA! EXTRA! MARAUDER STEALS XB-390 ENGINE! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!
COULD THAT BE THE REASON SPIDER-MAN FOUGHT WITH ME??
WAS HE TRYING TO KEEP ME FROM THE MARAUDER?
HOW CAN I BE SURE THE WEB-SPINNER HASN'T TURNED BAD?!!
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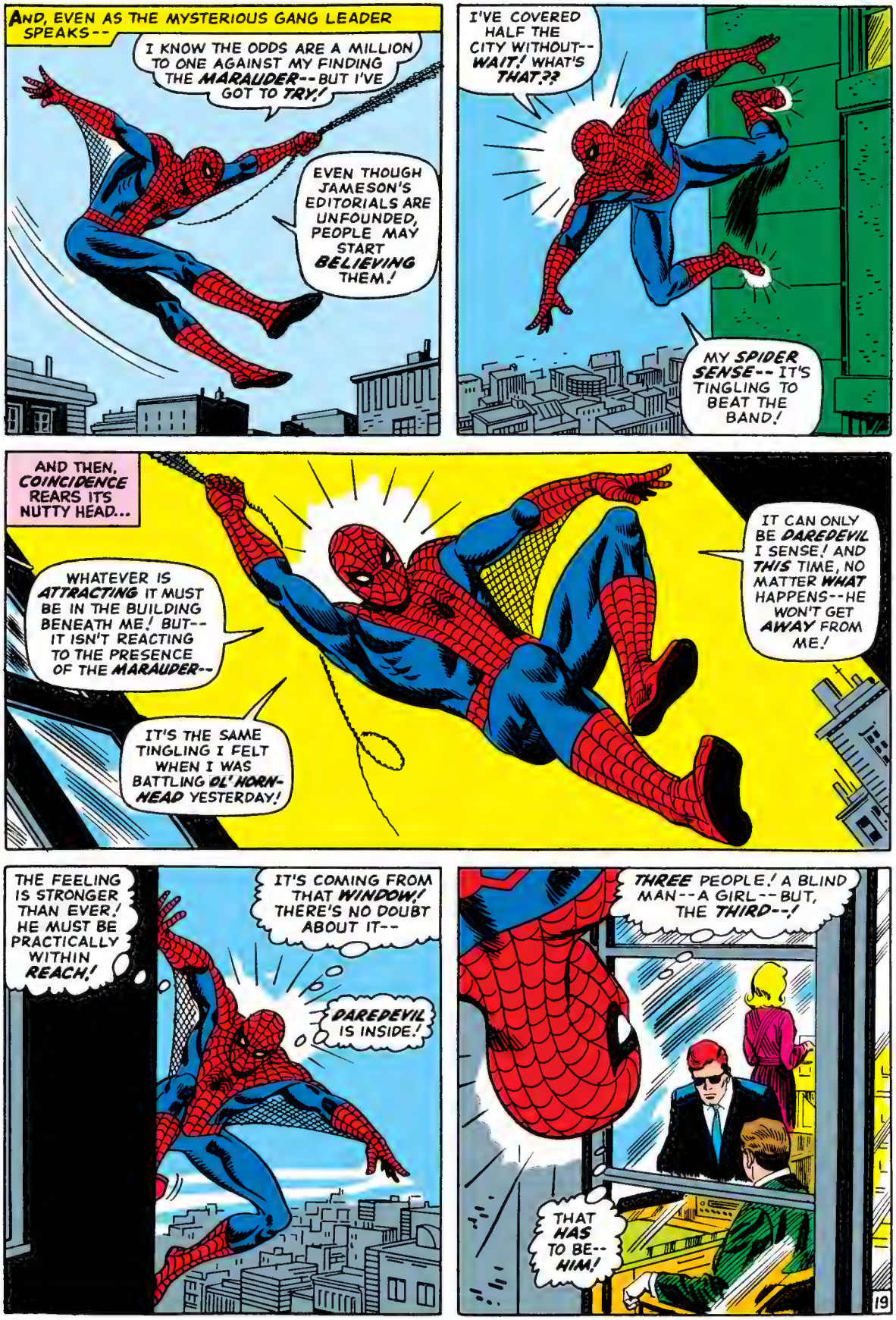
THEN, AS THE SIGHTLESS ATTORNEY ENTERS THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK...
OH, MATT! HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? SOME NEWSPAPERS ARE ACCUSING DAREDEVIL OF BEING IN LEAGUE WITH THE MASKED MARAUDER!
ALL EXCEPT JAMESON'S DAILY BUGLE! THAT PAPER IS ACCUSING SPIDER-MAN OF THE SAME THING!
YES, I HEARD ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO!
EVERYONE THINKS THAT THEIR FIGHT WAS A PHONY--JUST STAGED TO DIVERT THE POLICE'S ATTENTION FROM THE MARAUDER'S ROBBERY!
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF DAREDEVIL AND SPIDER-MAN WERE IN CAHOOTS--TOGETHER!
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT, FOGGY!
BUT, I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT OF DAREDEVIL!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING, FOGGY! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SPIDER-MAN--PERHAPS JAMESON IS RIGHT ABOUT HIM--BUT DAREDEVIL IS ON THE UP AND UP!
I KNOW THAT DAREDEVIL HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE MASKED MARAUDER! HE CAN'T HAVE!
OKAY, MATT--WE WERE ONLY TALKING! NO NEED TO FLY OFF THE HANDLE!
BUT, TELL ME SOMETHING --HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE ABOUT DAREDEVIL?
UH OH! I'VE GOT TO BE MORE CAREFUL! I ALMOST GAVE MYSELF AWAY!
I DON'T KNOW, FOGGY--JUST A HUNCH--THAT'S ALL!
IF SPIDER-MAN HAS TURNED BAD--WILL EVEN DAREDEVIL BE ABLE TO STOP HIM?
BUT, WHILE PETER PARKER AND MATT MURDOCK ARE WRACKED BY DOUBTS --THE MASKED MARAUDER GLOATS IN TRIUMPH--!
STEALING THESE BLUEPRINTS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP OF MY CAREFULLY WORKED-OUT MASTER PLAN!
THERE ARE UNDERWORLD ORGANIZATIONS--SYNDICATES --EVEN NATIONS, WHO WOULD PAY ANY AMOUNT FOR THE SECRET OF THE XB-390! BUT, I'M NOT READY TO SELL--YET!
NOW, LISTEN TO ME CLOSELY--ALL OF YOU--!


AND, EVEN AS THE MYSTERIOUS GANG LEADER SPEAKS--
I KNOW THE ODDS ARE A MILLION TO ONE AGAINST MY FINDING THE MARAUDER--BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY!
EVEN THOUGH JAMESON'S EDITORIALS ARE UNFOUNDED, PEOPLE MAY START BELIEVING THEM!
I'VE COVERED HALF THE CITY WITHOUT-- WAIT! WHAT'S THAT??
MY SPIDER SENSE-- IT'S TINGLING TO BEAT THE BAND!
AND THEN, COINCIDENCE REARS ITS NUTTY HEAD...
WHATEVER IS ATTRACTING IT MUST BE IN THE BUILDING BENEATH ME! BUT-- IT ISN'T REACTING TO THE PRESENCE OF THE MARAUDER--
IT'S THE SAME TINGLING I FELT WHEN I WAS BATTLING OL' HORN-HEAD YESTERDAY!
IT CAN ONLY BE DAREDEVIL I SENSE! AND THIS TIME, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS--HE WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!
THE FEELING IS STRONGER THAN EVER! HE MUST BE PRACTICALLY WITHIN REACH!
IT'S COMING FROM THAT WINDOW! THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--
DAREDEVIL IS INSIDE!
THREE PEOPLE! A BLIND MAN--A GIRL--BUT, THE THIRD--!
THAT HAS TO BE-- HIM!
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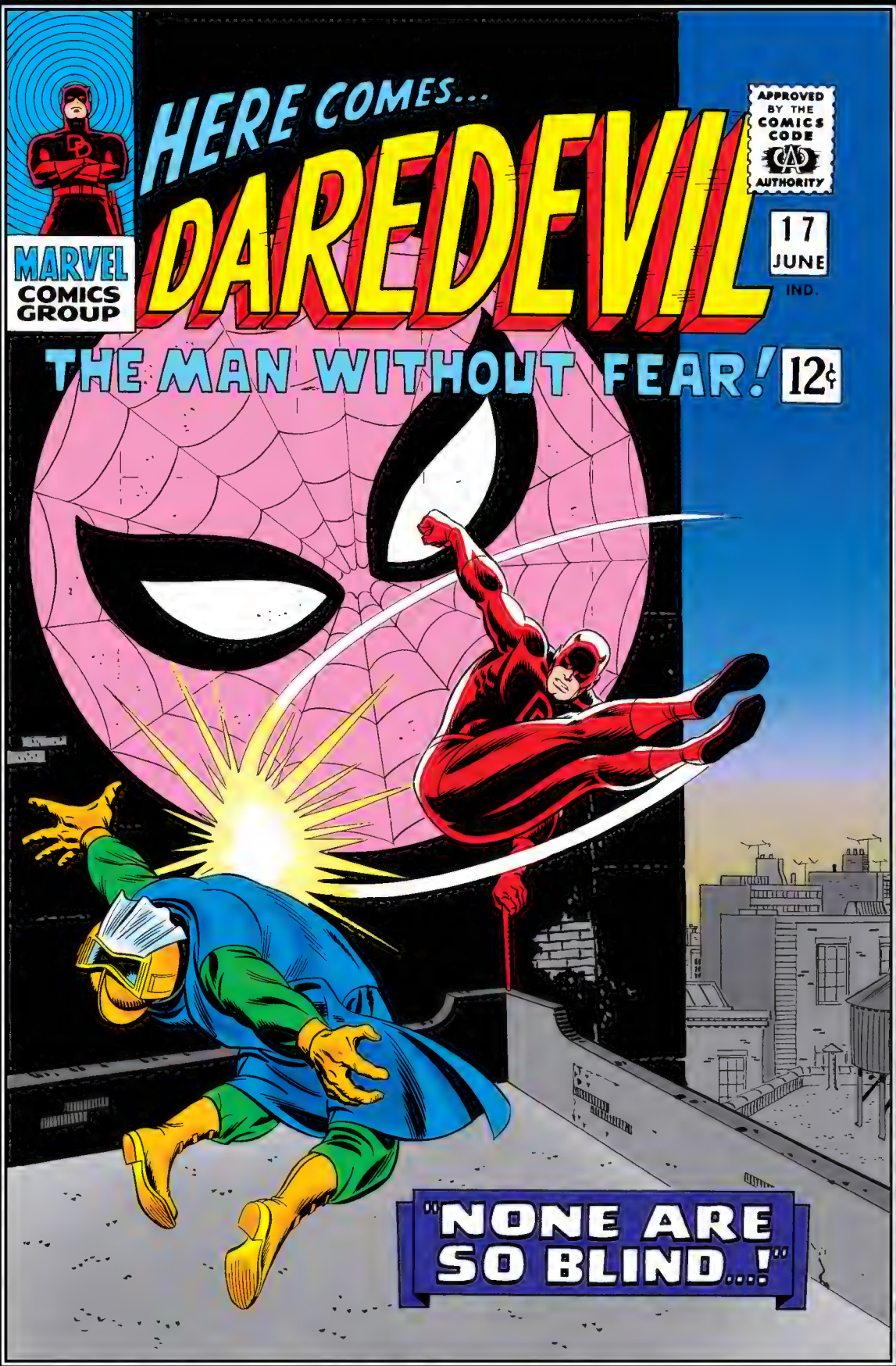
HE'S HEAVIER--SOFTER-LOOKING THAN I EXPECTED--!
WHAT'S WRONG, MATT? DON'T YOU FEEL WELL??
OUTSIDE THE WINDOW--! MY RADAR SENSE REGISTERS SPIDER-MAN!
BUT--I CAN'T TELL FOGGY!
NO MATTER HOW FLABBY HE LOOKS--MY SPIDER-SENSE CAN'T BE WRONG!
HE'S LEAPING IN!! HE'S ATTACKING US!
AND THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR ME TO CHANGE TO DAREDEVIL!
MATT--LOOK OUT!!
IT--IT'S SPIDER-MAN!
THOOOM!
CRASH!
EVERYONE STAY WHERE YOU ARE! NOBODY WILL BE HURT--!
--EXCEPT--DAREDEVIL!!
ALRIGHT, HORN-HEAD! THE MASQUERADE'S OVER! NOW, THIS IS WHERE I LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU!
HE ACTUALLY THINKS FOGGY IS ME! MY POOR, BEWILDERED PARTNER HASN'T A CHANCE AGAINST HIM!
I CAN'T STAND IDLY BY WHILE FOGGY IS IN DANGER--!
DAREDEVIL??!
WAIT! STOP! WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU DOING--?? ARE YOU MAD??
BUT, I CAN'T HELP HIM WITHOUT GIVING AWAY MY SECRET--FOREVER!
HONESTLY, WE DIDN'T PLAN TO MAKE A CLIFF-HANGAR OUT OF THIS TALE --BUT WE JUST COULDN'T END IT HERE WITHOUT SPOILING HALF THE THRILLS WHICH FOLLOW!
SO, DON'T MISS OUR SENSATIONAL FOLLOW-UP... "NONE SO BLIND..!" NUFF SAID!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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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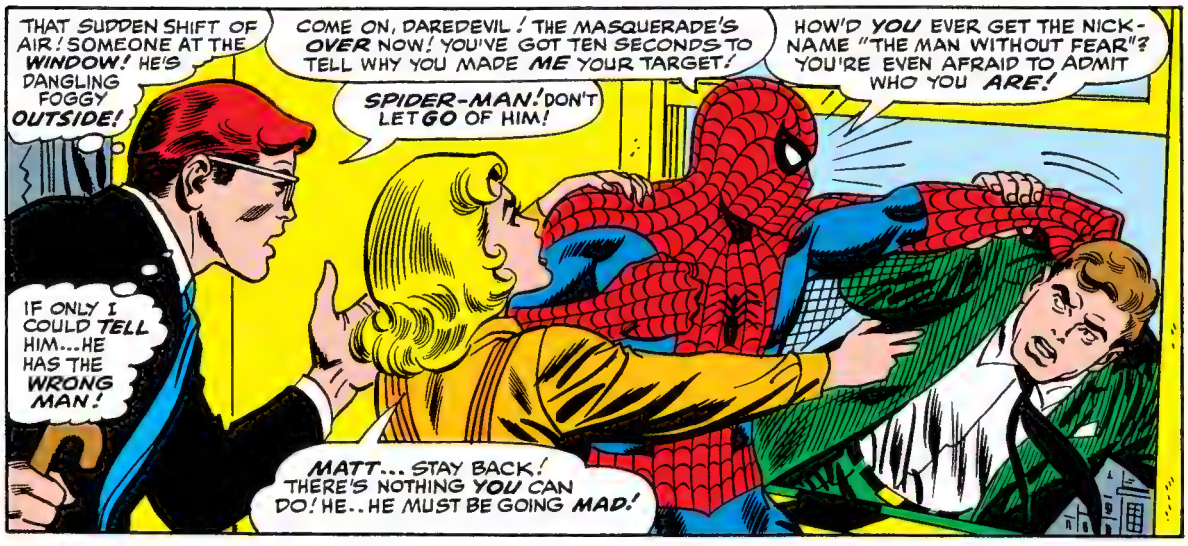
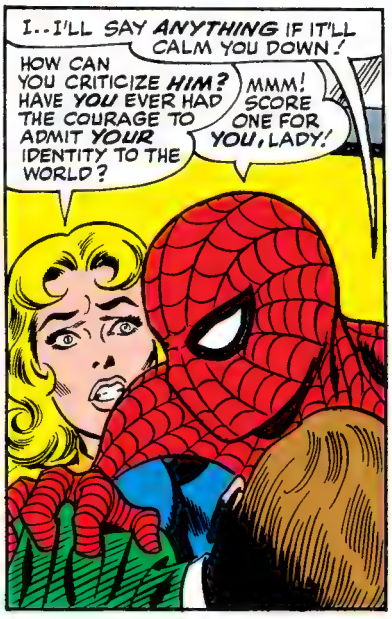
"NONE ARE SO BLIND...!"

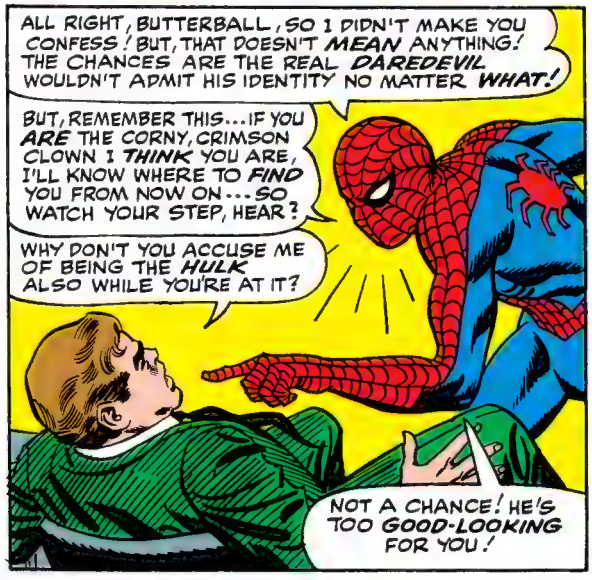
DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"NONE ARE SO BLIND...!"
YOU GUESSED IT! SPIDEY THINKS FOGGY NELSON IS REALLY DAREDEVIL, AND THE ANGRY WEB-SPINNER IS TRYING TO MAKE THE ASTONISHED ATTORNEY CONFESS...!
HE HAS SOMEHOW SENSED THAT THE REAL DAREDEVIL IS IN THIS ROOM! HE KNOWS IT'S NOT A GIRL --- AND HE'D NEVER IMAGINE THAT A BLIND MAN COULD BE THE ONE HE SEEKS! SO, NATURALLY HE ASSUMES IT'S POOR FOGGY!
STOP! YOU MUSTN'T! YOU..YOU'LL KILL HIM!
--AND I CAN'T INTERFERE WITHOUT GIVING MYSELF AWAY!
NOT A CHANCE, LADY! I JUST WANT HIM TO ADMIT WHO HE REALLY IS... AND WHY HE'S BEEN ATTACKING ME!
I'VE GOT TO WAIT AND SEE IT THROUGH! I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT SPIDER-MAN WON'T REALLY HARM HIM!
JONAH JAMESON IS RIGHT ABOUT YOU! YOU'RE A GENUINE, FULL-TIME NUT!
PLEASE DIRECT YOUR ACCOLADES AND BRAVOS TO:
SMILIN' STAN LEE, WRITER
FEARLESS FRANKIE RAY, INKER
JAZZY JOHNNY ROMITA, ARTIST
SWINGIN' SAMMY ROSEN, LETTERER
COMPLAINTS MAY BE SENT TO IRASCIBLE IRVING FORBUSH!


THAT SUDDEN SHIFT OF AIR! SOMEONE AT THE WINDOW! HE'S DANGLING FOGGY OUTSIDE!
COME ON, DAREDEVIL! THE MASQUERADE'S OVER NOW! YOU'VE GOT TEN SECONDS TO TELL WHY YOU MADE ME YOUR TARGET!
HOW'D YOU EVER GET THE NICK-NAME "THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR"? YOU'RE EVEN AFRAID TO ADMIT WHO YOU ARE!
SPIDER-MAN! DON'T LET GO OF HIM!
IF ONLY I COULD TELL HIM...HE HAS THE WRONG MAN!
MATT... STAY BACK! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO! HE..HE MUST BE GOING MAD!


I..I'LL SAY ANYTHING IF IT'LL CALM YOU DOWN!
HOW CAN YOU CRITICIZE HIM? HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE COURAGE TO ADMIT YOUR IDENTITY TO THE WORLD?
MMM! SCORE ONE FOR YOU, LADY!

THANK HEAVEN! HE'S BRINGING HIM BACK INTO THE ROOM...AS I HOPED HE WOULD! I WAS AFRAID I'D HAVE TO GIVE MYSELF AWAY IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS..!
OKAY...I DON'T WANNA ACT LIKE THE HEAVY IN SOME GRADE B MOVIE!
HE HELD ME WITH ONE HAND... AS IF I WERE A TOY!
HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY THINK HE'S DAREDEVIL? WHY DON'T YOU ACCUSE ME?
EASY, KAREN! SATIRE MAY BE WASTED ON HIM!

AT EASE, LAWYER MAN! IN MY NATIVE HABITAT, I CAN SWAP SATIRICAL SALLIES WITH THE BEST OF THEM!
MY SPIDER SENSE TELLS ME THAT HE REALLY IS A BLIND MAN.. SO THE OTHER ONE HAS TO BE MY PIGEON!
AND YET, MAYBE I AM MISTAKEN! HE SURE IS FLABBIER THAN I EXPECTED HIM TO BE!


ALL RIGHT, BUTTERBALL, SO I DIDN'T MAKE YOU CONFESS! BUT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING! THE CHANCES ARE THE REAL DAREDEVIL WOULDN'T ADMIT HIS IDENTITY NO MATTER WHAT!
BUT, REMEMBER THIS...IF YOU ARE THE CORNY, CRIMSON CLOWN I THINK YOU ARE, I'LL KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU FROM NOW ON...SO WATCH YOUR STEP, HEAR?
WHY DON'T YOU ACCUSE ME OF BEING THE HULK ALSO WHILE YOU'RE AT IT?
NOT A CHANCE! HE'S TOO GOOD-LOOKING FOR YOU!

HEY! WHO'S GONNA PAY FOR THAT WINDOW YOU BROKE?
I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE CARE OF IT! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CATCH ME, FIRST!
FORGET THE WINDOW, FOGGY! WE'RE LUCKY HE'S LEAVING!
IF HE REALLY IS DAREDEVIL, HE'LL COME AFTER ME AS SOON AS HE CAN!
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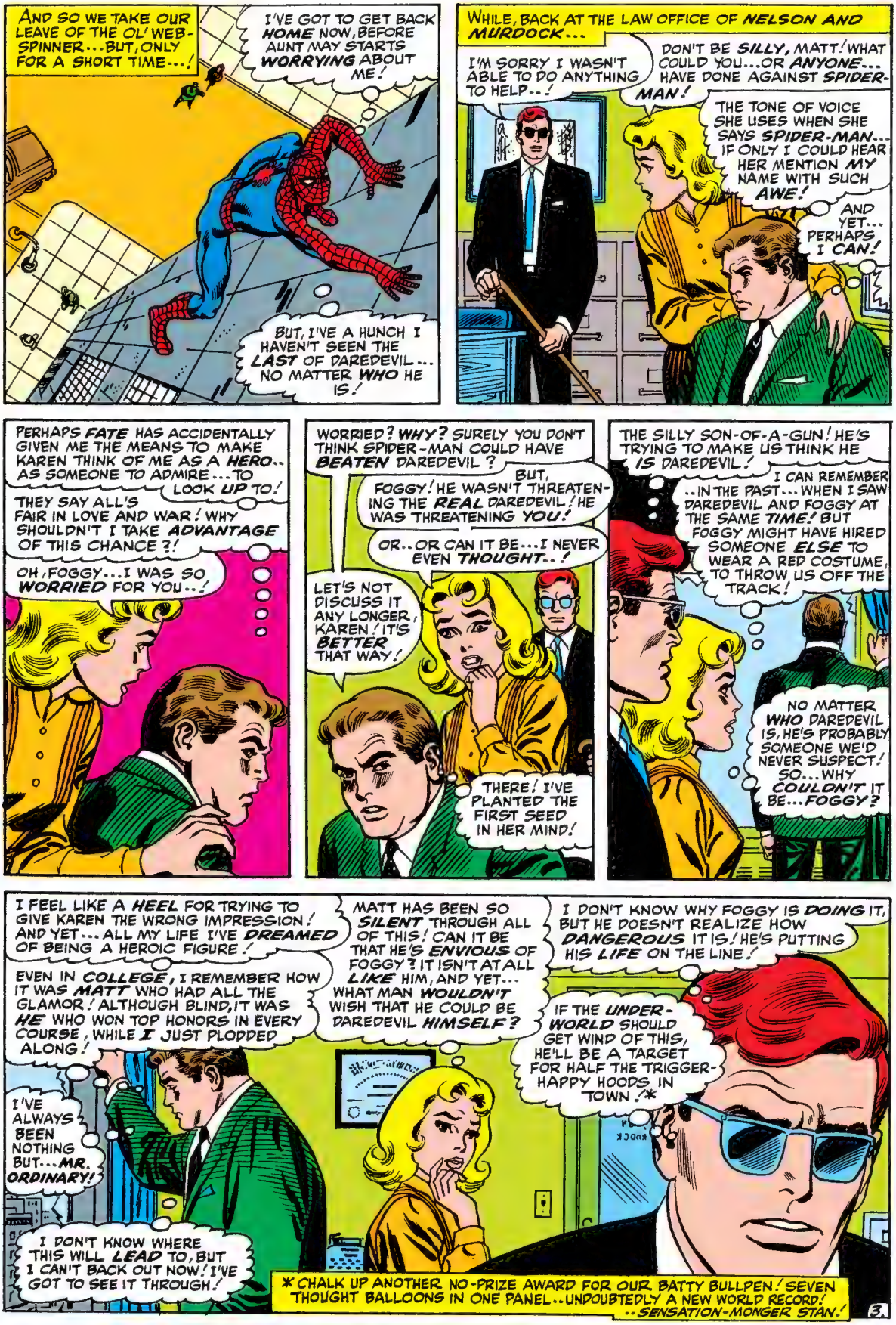
AND SO WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THE OL' WEB-SPINNER...BUT, ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME...!
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK HOME NOW, BEFORE AUNT MAY STARTS WORRYING ABOUT ME!
BUT, I'VE A HUNCH I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF DAREDEVIL... NO MATTER WHO HE IS!
WHILE, BACK AT THE LAW OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK...
I'M SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP..!
DON'T BE SILLY, MATT! WHAT COULD YOU...OR ANYONE... HAVE DONE AGAINST SPIDER-MAN!
THE TONE OF VOICE SHE USES WHEN SHE SAYS SPIDER-MAN... IF ONLY I COULD HEAR HER MENTION MY NAME WITH SUCH AWE!
AND YET... PERHAPS I CAN!
PERHAPS FATE HAS ACCIDENTALLY GIVEN ME THE MEANS TO MAKE KAREN THINK OF ME AS A HERO.. AS SOMEONE TO ADMIRE...TO LOOK UP TO!
THEY SAY ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR! WHY SHOULDN'T I TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHANCE?!
OH, FOGGY...I WAS SO WORRIED FOR YOU..!
WORRIED? WHY? SURELY YOU DON'T THINK SPIDER-MAN COULD HAVE BEATEN DAREDEVIL?
BUT, FOGGY! HE WASN'T THREATENING THE REAL DAREDEVIL! HE WAS THREATENING YOU!
OR..OR CAN IT BE...I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT..!
LET'S NOT DISCUSS IT ANY LONGER, KAREN! IT'S BETTER THAT WAY!
THERE! I'VE PLANTED THE FIRST SEED IN HER MIND!
THE SILLY SON-OF-A-GUN! HE'S TRYING TO MAKE US THINK HE IS DAREDEVIL!
I CAN REMEMBER ..IN THE PAST...WHEN I SAW DAREDEVIL AND FOGGY AT THE SAME TIME! BUT FOGGY MIGHT HAVE HIRED SOMEONE ELSE TO WEAR A RED COSTUME, TO THROW US OFF THE TRACK!
NO MATTER WHO DAREDEVIL IS, HE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE WE'D NEVER SUSPECT! SO...WHY COULDN'T IT BE...FOGGY?
I FEEL LIKE A HEEL FOR TRYING TO GIVE KAREN THE WRONG IMPRESSION! AND YET...ALL MY LIFE I'VE DREAMED OF BEING A HEROIC FIGURE!
EVEN IN COLLEGE, I REMEMBER HOW IT WAS MATT WHO HAD ALL THE GLAMOR! ALTHOUGH BLIND, IT WAS HE WHO WON TOP HONORS IN EVERY COURSE, WHILE I JUST PLODDED ALONG!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN NOTHING BUT...MR. ORDINARY!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS WILL LEAD TO, BUT I CAN'T BACK OUT NOW! I'VE GOT TO SEE IT THROUGH!
MATT HAS BEEN SO SILENT THROUGH ALL OF THIS! CAN IT BE THAT HE'S ENVIOUS OF FOGGY? IT ISN'T AT ALL LIKE HIM, AND YET... WHAT MAN WOULDN'T WISH THAT HE COULD BE DAREDEVIL HIMSELF?
I DON'T KNOW WHY FOGGY IS DOING IT, BUT HE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW DANGEROUS IT IS! HE'S PUTTING HIS LIFE ON THE LINE!
IF THE UNDER-WORLD SHOULD GET WIND OF THIS, HE'LL BE A TARGET FOR HALF THE TRIGGER-HAPPY HOODS IN TOWN!*
*CHALK UP ANOTHER NO-PRIZE AWARD FOR OUR BATTY BULLPEN! SEVEN THOUGHT BALLOONS IN ONE PANEL..UNDOUBTEDLY A NEW WORLD RECORD! --SENSATION-MONGER STAN!
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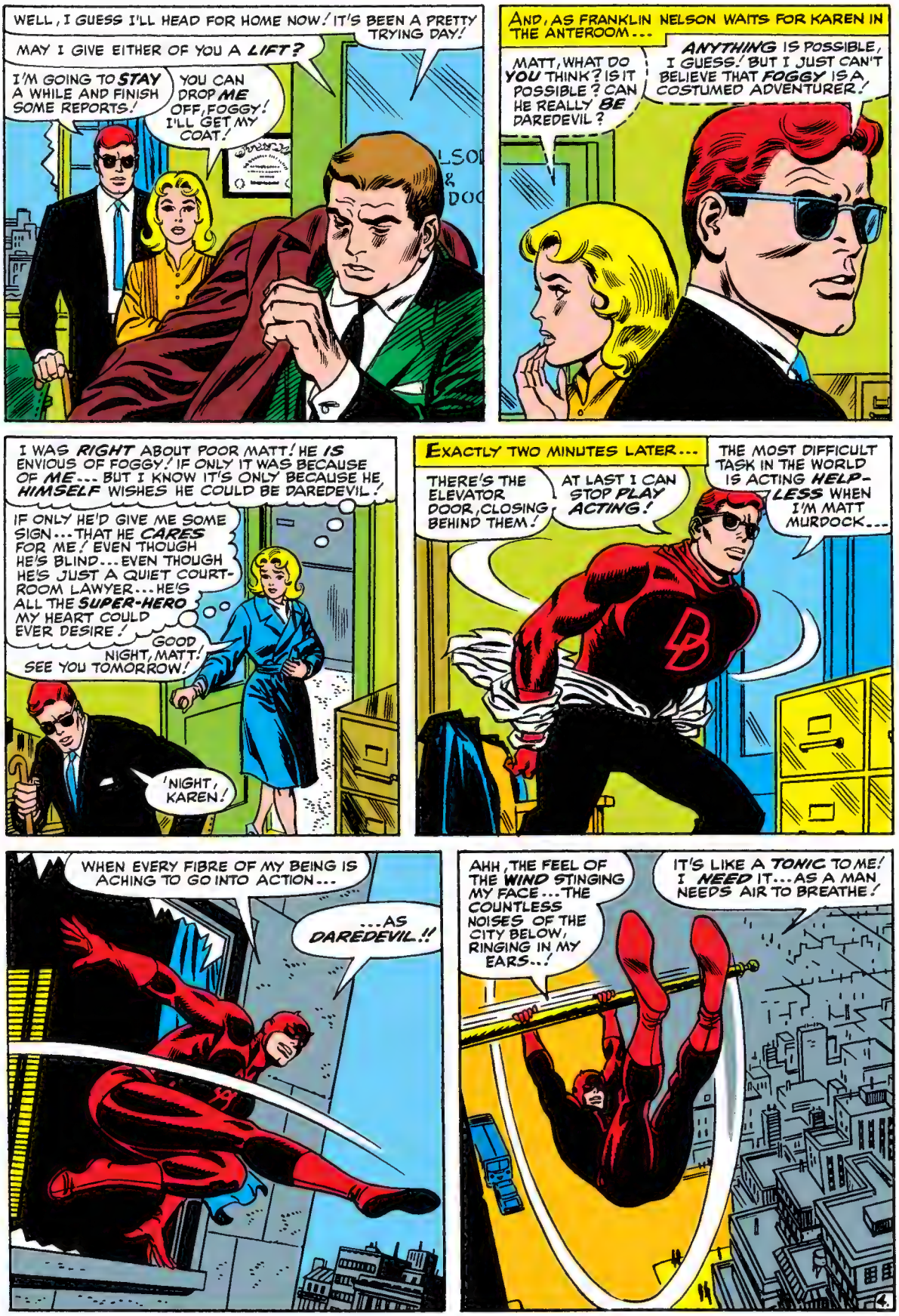
WELL, I GUESS I'LL HEAD FOR HOME NOW! IT'S BEEN A PRETTY TRYING DAY!
MAY I GIVE EITHER OF YOU A LIFT?
I'M GOING TO STAY A WHILE AND FINISH SOME REPORTS!
YOU CAN DROP ME OFF, FOGGY! I'LL GET MY COAT!
AND, AS FRANKLIN NELSON WAITS FOR KAREN IN THE ANTEROOM...
MATT, WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS IT POSSIBLE? CAN HE REALLY BE DAREDEVIL?
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE, I GUESS! BUT I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT FOGGY IS A COSTUMED ADVENTURER!
I WAS RIGHT ABOUT POOR MATT! HE IS ENVIOUS OF FOGGY! IF ONLY IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME... BUT I KNOW IT'S ONLY BECAUSE HE HIMSELF WISHES HE COULD BE DAREDEVIL!
IF ONLY HE'D GIVE ME SOME SIGN... THAT HE CARES FOR ME! EVEN THOUGH HE'S BLIND... EVEN THOUGH HE'S JUST A QUIET COURTROOM LAWYER... HE'S ALL THE SUPER-HERO MY HEART COULD EVER DESIRE!
GOOD NIGHT, MATT! SEE YOU TOMORROW!
'NIGHT, KAREN!
EXACTLY TWO MINUTES LATER...
THERE'S THE ELEVATOR DOOR, CLOSING BEHIND THEM!
AT LAST I CAN STOP PLAY ACTING!
THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK IN THE WORLD IS ACTING HELPLESS WHEN I'M MATT MURDOCK...
WHEN EVERY FIBRE OF MY BEING IS ACHING TO GO INTO ACTION...
...AS DAREDEVIL!!
AHH, THE FEEL OF THE WIND STINGING MY FACE... THE COUNTLESS NOISES OF THE CITY BELOW, RINGING IN MY EARS..!
IT'S LIKE A TONIC TO ME! I NEED IT... AS A MAN NEEDS AIR TO BREATHE!
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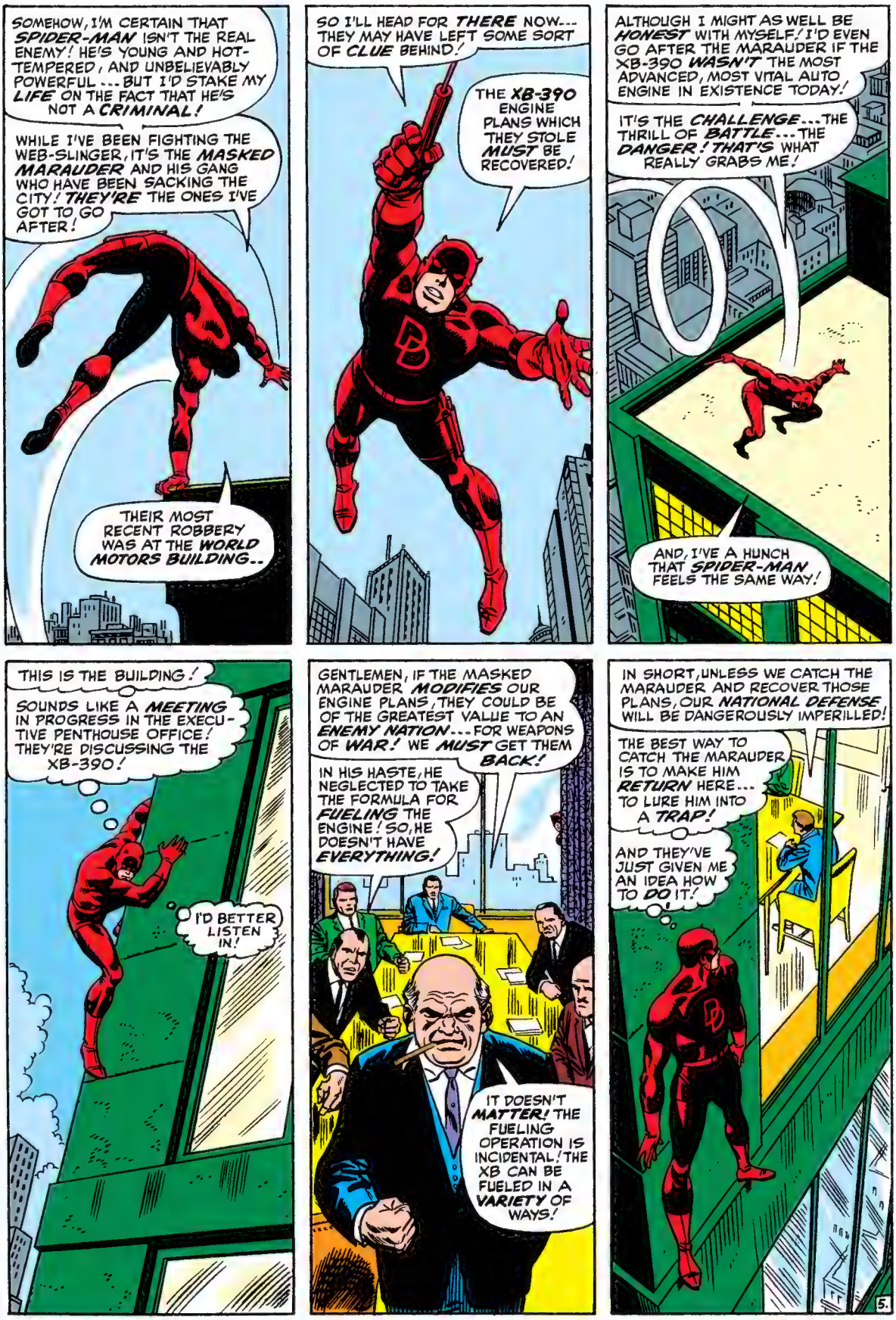
SOMEHOW, I'M CERTAIN THAT SPIDER-MAN ISN'T THE REAL ENEMY! HE'S YOUNG AND HOT-TEMPERED, AND UNBELIEVABLY POWERFUL ... BUT I'D STAKE MY LIFE ON THE FACT THAT HE'S NOT A CRIMINAL!
WHILE I'VE BEEN FIGHTING THE WEB-SLINGER, IT'S THE MASKED MARAUDER AND HIS GANG WHO HAVE BEEN SACKING THE CITY! THEY'RE THE ONES I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER!
THEIR MOST RECENT ROBBERY WAS AT THE WORLD MOTORS BUILDING..
SO I'LL HEAD FOR THERE NOW--- THEY MAY HAVE LEFT SOME SORT OF CLUE BEHIND!
THE XB-390 ENGINE PLANS WHICH THEY STOLE MUST BE RECOVERED!
ALTHOUGH I MIGHT AS WELL BE HONEST WITH MYSELF! I'D EVEN GO AFTER THE MARAUDER IF THE XB-390 WASN'T THE MOST ADVANCED, MOST VITAL AUTO ENGINE IN EXISTENCE TODAY!
IT'S THE CHALLENGE... THE THRILL OF BATTLE... THE DANGER! THAT'S WHAT REALLY GRABS ME!
AND, I'VE A HUNCH THAT SPIDER-MAN FEELS THE SAME WAY!
THIS IS THE BUILDING!
SOUNDS LIKE A MEETING IN PROGRESS IN THE EXECUTIVE PENTHOUSE OFFICE! THEY'RE DISCUSSING THE XB-390!
I'D BETTER LISTEN IN!
GENTLEMEN, IF THE MASKED MARAUDER MODIFIES OUR ENGINE PLANS, THEY COULD BE OF THE GREATEST VALUE TO AN ENEMY NATION... FOR WEAPONS OF WAR! WE MUST GET THEM BACK!
IN HIS HASTE, HE NEGLECTED TO TAKE THE FORMULA FOR FUELING THE ENGINE! SO, HE DOESN'T HAVE EVERYTHING!
IT DOESN'T MATTER! THE FUELING OPERATION IS INCIDENTAL! THE XB CAN BE FUELED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS!
IN SHORT, UNLESS WE CATCH THE MARAUDER AND RECOVER THOSE PLANS, OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE WILL BE DANGEROUSLY IMPERILLED!
THE BEST WAY TO CATCH THE MARAUDER IS TO MAKE HIM RETURN HERE... TO LURE HIM INTO A TRAP!
AND THEY'VE JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA HOW TO DO IT!
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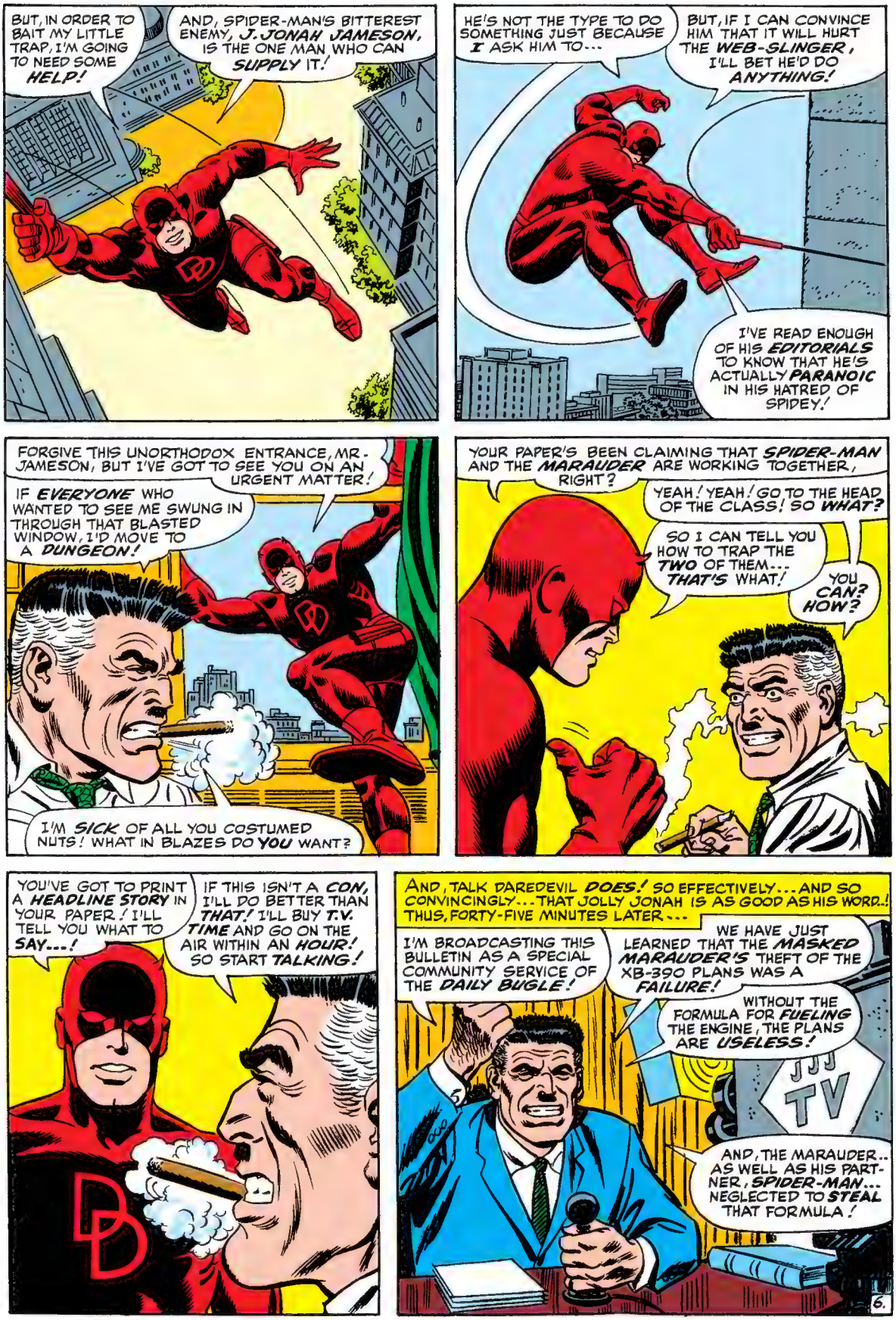
BUT, IN ORDER TO BAIT MY LITTLE TRAP, I'M GOING TO NEED SOME HELP!
AND, SPIDER-MAN'S BITTEREST ENEMY, J. JONAH JAMESON, IS THE ONE MAN WHO CAN SUPPLY IT!
HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO DO SOMETHING JUST BECAUSE I ASK HIM TO...
BUT, IF I CAN CONVINCE HIM THAT IT WILL HURT THE WEB-SLINGER, I'LL BET HE'D DO ANYTHING!
I'VE READ ENOUGH OF HIS EDITORIALS TO KNOW THAT HE'S ACTUALLY PARANOIC IN HIS HATRED OF SPIDEY!
FORGIVE THIS UNORTHODOX ENTRANCE, MR. JAMESON, BUT I'VE GOT TO SEE YOU ON AN URGENT MATTER!
IF EVERYONE WHO WANTED TO SEE ME SWUNG IN THROUGH THAT BLASTED WINDOW, I'D MOVE TO A DUNGEON!
I'M SICK OF ALL YOU COSTUMED NUTS! WHAT IN BLAZES DO YOU WANT?
YOUR PAPER'S BEEN CLAIMING THAT SPIDER-MAN AND THE MARAUDER ARE WORKING TOGETHER, RIGHT?
YEAH! YEAH! GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS! SO WHAT?
SO I CAN TELL YOU HOW TO TRAP THE TWO OF THEM... THAT'S WHAT!
YOU CAN? HOW?
YOU'VE GOT TO PRINT A HEADLINE STORY IN YOUR PAPER! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO SAY...!
IF THIS ISN'T A CON, I'LL DO BETTER THAN THAT! I'LL BUY T.V. TIME AND GO ON THE AIR WITHIN AN HOUR! SO START TALKING!
AND, TALK DAREDEVIL DOES! SO EFFECTIVELY... AND SO CONVINCINGLY... THAT JOLLY JONAH IS AS GOOD AS HIS WORD.! THUS, FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER...
I'M BROADCASTING THIS BULLETIN AS A SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE DAILY BUGLE!
WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THE MASKED MARAUDER'S THEFT OF THE XB-390 PLANS WAS A FAILURE!
WITHOUT THE FORMULA FOR FUELING THE ENGINE, THE PLANS ARE USELESS!
JJJ TV
AND, THE MARAUDER.. AS WELL AS HIS PARTNER, SPIDER-MAN... NEGLECTED TO STEAL THAT FORMULA!
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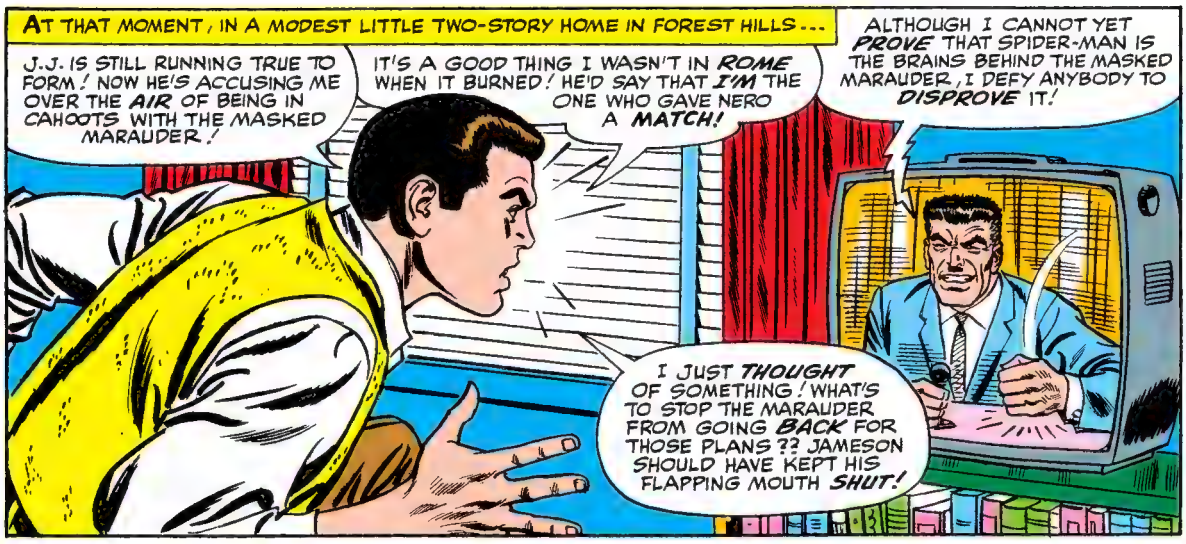
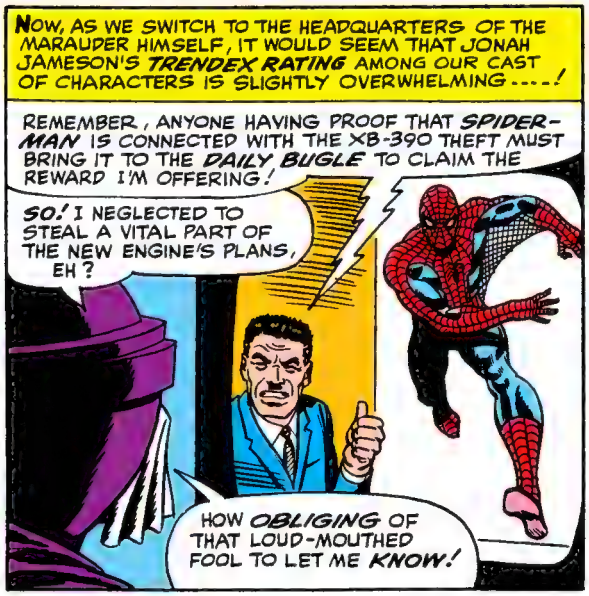

AT THAT MOMENT, IN A MODEST LITTLE TWO-STORY HOME IN FOREST HILLS ...
J.J. IS STILL RUNNING TRUE TO FORM! NOW HE'S ACCUSING ME OVER THE AIR OF BEING IN CAHOOTS WITH THE MASKED MARAUDER!
IT'S A GOOD THING I WASN'T IN ROME WHEN IT BURNED! HE'D SAY THAT I'M THE ONE WHO GAVE NERO A MATCH!
ALTHOUGH I CANNOT YET PROVE THAT SPIDER-MAN IS THE BRAINS BEHIND THE MASKED MARAUDER, I DEFY ANYBODY TO DISPROVE IT!
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! WHAT'S TO STOP THE MARAUDER FROM GOING BACK FOR THOSE PLANS?? JAMESON SHOULD HAVE KEPT HIS FLAPPING MOUTH SHUT!

PETER, DO YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT? I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU MUMBLING TO YOURSELF!
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD WATCH THOSE CRIME REPORTS! THEY MIGHT MAKE YOU NERVOUS, DEAR! YOU KNOW HOW HIGH-STRUNG YOU ARE!
IT'S OKAY, AUNT MAY... I'M TRYING TO CONDITION MYSELF!
THE DEAR BOY! IF ONLY HE WEREN'T SO FRAIL!

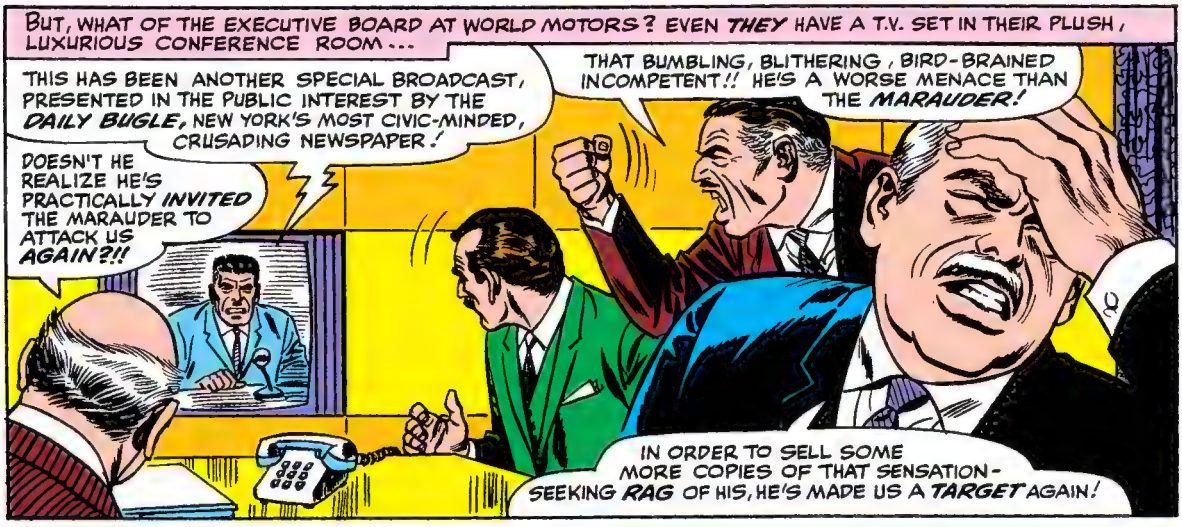
NOW I'LL HAVE TO GO OUT TONIGHT! I CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE THE WORLD MOTORS CENTER UNGUARDED FOR A MINUTE!
AND IF DAREDEVIL SHOWS UP, IT COULD MEAN THAT HE'S THE ONE WHO'S IN LEAGUE WITH THE MARAUDER!


NOW, AS WE SWITCH TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MARAUDER HIMSELF, IT WOULD SEEM THAT JONAH JAMESON'S TRENDEX RATING AMONG OUR CAST OF CHARACTERS IS SLIGHTLY OVERWHELMING ----!
REMEMBER, ANYONE HAVING PROOF THAT SPIDER-MAN IS CONNECTED WITH THE XB-390 THEFT MUST BRING IT TO THE DAILY BUGLE TO CLAIM THE REWARD I'M OFFERING!
SO! I NEGLECTED TO STEAL A VITAL PART OF THE NEW ENGINE'S PLANS, EH?
HOW OBLIGING OF THAT LOUD-MOUTHED FOOL TO LET ME KNOW!

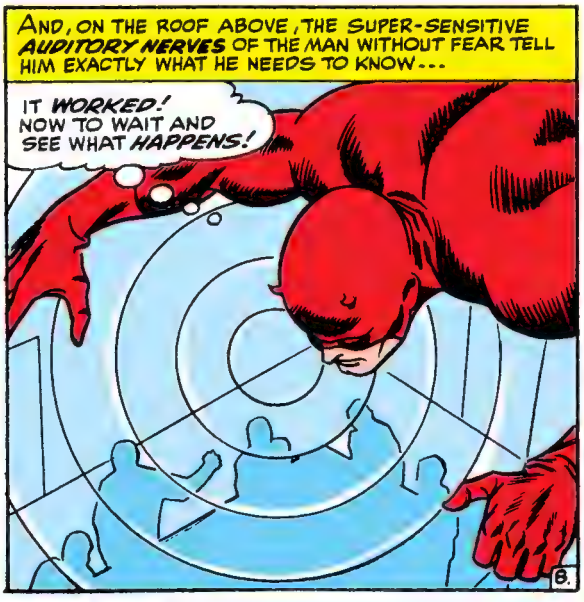
ASSEMBLE THE MEN! WE WILL STRIKE TOMORROW NIGHT!
THEY'LL NEVER EXPECT US TO DARE ATTACK THE SAME BUILDING SO SOON AGAIN! AND THAT IS WHY WE WILL SUCCEED!

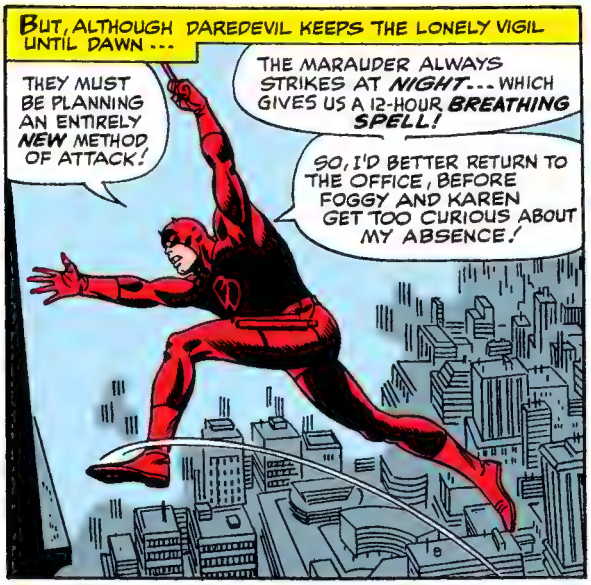
SHALL I PREPARE THE SPECIAL TRUCK AGAIN, BOSS?
OF COURSE NOT, YOU FOOL! THAT WOULD BE WHAT THEY'LL WATCH FOR!
I HAVE A FAR BETTER... A FAR MORE DARING PLAN!

WHILE THE UNCOMPREHENDING PUBLIC WASTES TIME WONDERING WHETHER DAREDEVIL OR SPIDER-MAN IS WORKING WITH US, WE SHALL ACHIEVE OUR GREATEST TRIUMPH!
SOON WE'LL PROVE THAT THE MASKED MARAUDER IS THE MOST BRILLIANT CRIMINAL BRAIN OF ALL TIME!
THRAKK!

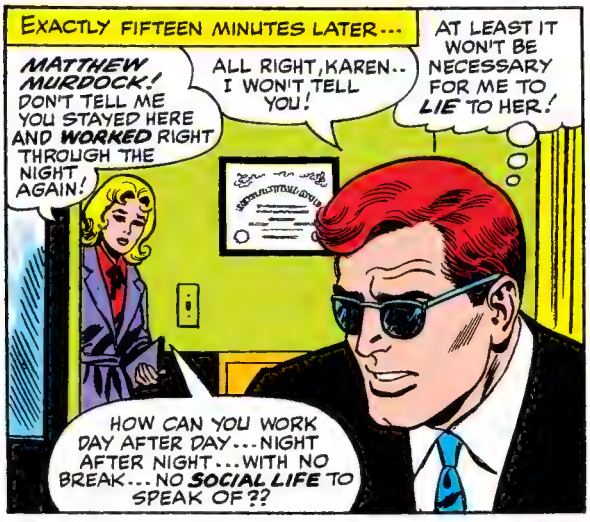

BUT, WHAT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT WORLD MOTORS? EVEN THEY HAVE A T.V. SET IN THEIR PLUSH, LUXURIOUS CONFERENCE ROOM...
THIS HAS BEEN ANOTHER SPECIAL BROADCAST, PRESENTED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY THE DAILY BUGLE, NEW YORK'S MOST CIVIC-MINDED, CRUSADING NEWSPAPER!
THAT BUMBLING, BLITHERING, BIRD-BRAINED INCOMPETENT!! HE'S A WORSE MENACE THAN THE MARAUDER!
DOESN'T HE REALIZE HE'S PRACTICALLY INVITED THE MARAUDER TO ATTACK US AGAIN?!!
IN ORDER TO SELL SOME MORE COPIES OF THAT SENSATION-SEEKING RAG OF HIS, HE'S MADE US A TARGET AGAIN!

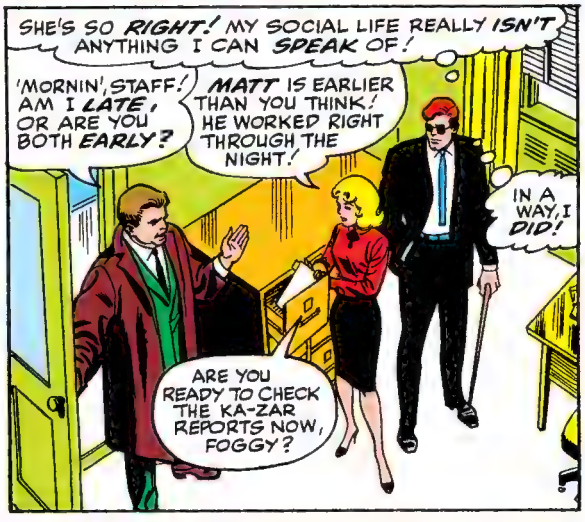
DON'T JUST SIT THERE! THE MARAUDER IS PROBABLY PLANNING HIS NEXT STRIKE RIGHT NOW! WE'VE GOT TO REDOUBLE OUR SECURITY MEASURES!
CONTACT THE POLICE... THE NATIONAL GUARD... THE F.B.I.!! I WANT MAXIMUM PROTECTION.. AND I WANT IT FAST!
YOU'RE RIGHT, J.W.!
OF COURSE! THAT'S WHY I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD!

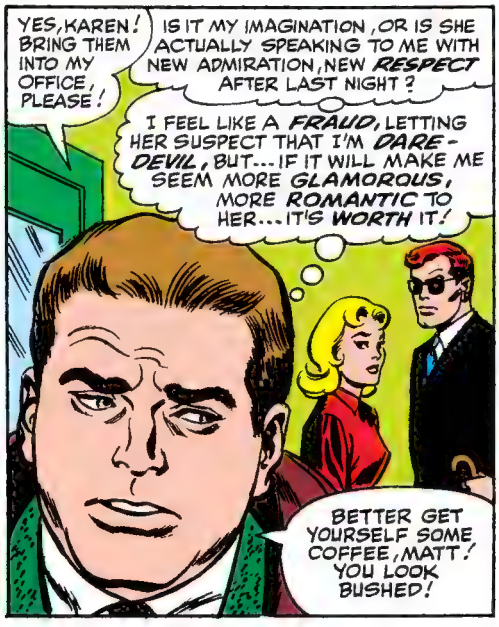

AND, ON THE ROOF ABOVE, THE SUPER-SENSITIVE AUDITORY NERVES OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR TELL HIM EXACTLY WHAT HE NEEDS TO KNOW...
IT WORKED! NOW TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

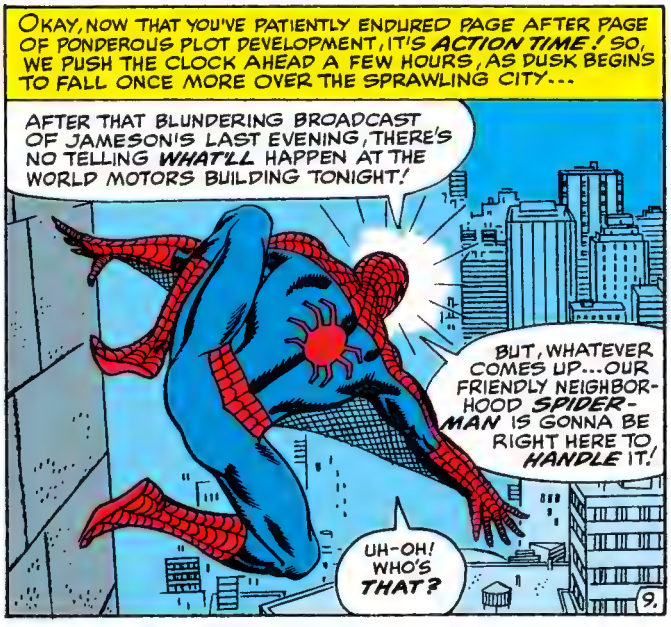

BUT, ALTHOUGH DAREDEVIL KEEPS THE LONELY VIGIL UNTIL DAWN ...
THEY MUST BE PLANNING AN ENTIRELY NEW METHOD OF ATTACK!
THE MARAUDER ALWAYS STRIKES AT NIGHT... WHICH GIVES US A 12-HOUR BREATHING SPELL!
SO, I'D BETTER RETURN TO THE OFFICE, BEFORE FOGGY AND KAREN GET TOO CURIOUS ABOUT MY ABSENCE!

I WASN'T ABLE TO GET ANY SLEEP DURING THE NIGHT, BUT I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW!
I'LL JUST TRY TO TAKE IT EASY DURING THE DAY, BECAUSE I'M POSITIVE THAT THE SHOWDOWN WILL COME THIS EVENING!
NOW TO CHANGE CLOTHES QUICKLY! KAREN WILL BE ARRIVING TO OPEN THE OFFICE SOON!


EXACTLY FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...
MATTHEW MURDOCK! DON'T TELL ME YOU STAYED HERE AND WORKED RIGHT THROUGH THE NIGHT AGAIN!
ALL RIGHT, KAREN.. I WON'T TELL YOU!
AT LEAST IT WON'T BE NECESSARY FOR ME TO LIE TO HER!
HOW CAN YOU WORK DAY AFTER DAY... NIGHT AFTER NIGHT... WITH NO BREAK... NO SOCIAL LIFE TO SPEAK OF??


SHE'S SO RIGHT! MY SOCIAL LIFE REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING I CAN SPEAK OF!
'MORNIN', STAFF! AM I LATE, OR ARE YOU BOTH EARLY?
MATT IS EARLIER THAN YOU THINK! HE WORKED RIGHT THROUGH THE NIGHT!
IN A WAY, I DID!
ARE YOU READY TO CHECK THE KA-ZAR REPORTS NOW, FOGGY?


YES, KAREN! BRING THEM INTO MY OFFICE, PLEASE!
IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR IS SHE ACTUALLY SPEAKING TO ME WITH NEW ADMIRATION, NEW RESPECT AFTER LAST NIGHT?
I FEEL LIKE A FRAUD, LETTING HER SUSPECT THAT I'M DARE-DEVIL, BUT... IF IT WILL MAKE ME SEEM MORE GLAMOROUS, MORE ROMANTIC TO HER... IT'S WORTH IT!
BETTER GET YOURSELF SOME COFFEE, MATT! YOU LOOK BUSHED!

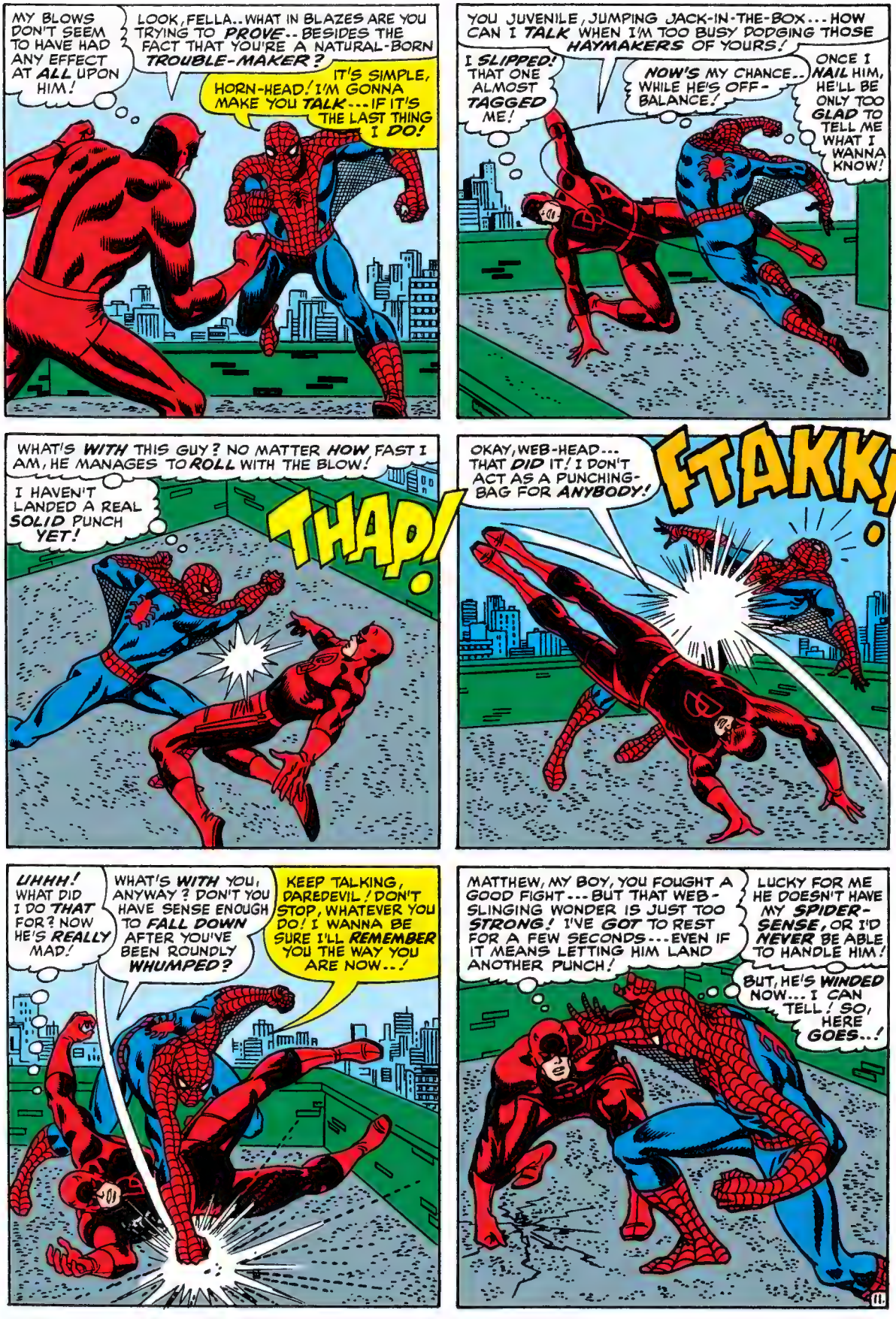

OKAY, NOW THAT YOU'VE PATIENTLY ENDURED PAGE AFTER PAGE OF PONDEROUS PLOT DEVELOPMENT, IT'S ACTION TIME! SO, WE PUSH THE CLOCK AHEAD A FEW HOURS, AS DUSK BEGINS TO FALL ONCE MORE OVER THE SPRAWLING CITY...
AFTER THAT BLUNDERING BROADCAST OF JAMESON'S LAST EVENING, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT'LL HAPPEN AT THE WORLD MOTORS BUILDING TONIGHT!
BUT, WHATEVER COMES UP... OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN IS GONNA BE RIGHT HERE TO HANDLE IT!
UH-OH! WHO'S THAT?

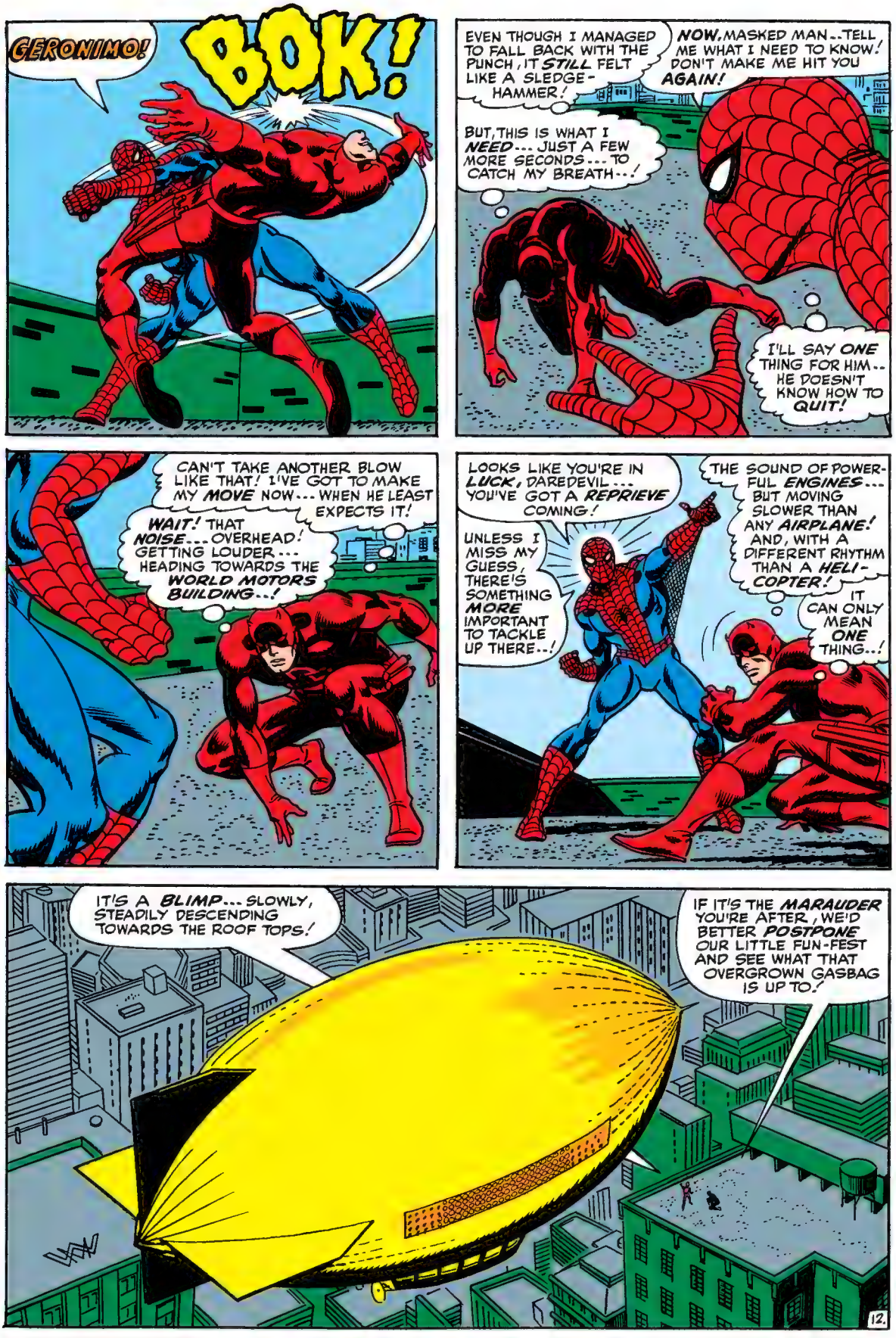
DAREDEVIL! AND HE'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE WORLD MOTORS CENTER!
ONE THING'S FOR SURE! IT'S NOT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO BUY HIMSELF A NEW STATION WAGON!
I HEAR SOMEONE BEHIND ME! JUDGING BY THE INTENSITY OF HIS PULSE BEAT, IT CAN ONLY BE... SPIDER-MAN!

HOLD IT, MASKED MAN! WE'VE GOT A LITTLE SCORE TO SETTLE... REMEMBER?
NOT NOW, WEB-HEAD! I'VE GOT TO REACH THE WORLD MOTORS BUILDING FIRST!
I'LL BET YOU DO! TO MEET THE MARAUDER... RIGHT?
NOW I'M IN FOR IT! HE'S BRACING TO ATTACK!

YOU KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT THIS MARAUDER BUSINESS THAN YOU'RE TELLING MISTER!
AND I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT IT IS, IF I HAVE TO BEAT IT OUT OF YOU!
YOU NIGHT-CRAWLING NINCOMPOOP!! WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER... NOT AGAINST EACH OTHER!

DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW I ONCE HELPED YOU AGAINST THE RINGMASTER??* WHY WOULD I TRY TO LEAN ON YOU NOW??
THAT'S WHAT I WAS HOPING YOU'D TELL ME! YOU WERE A REAL PUSSYCAT THEN!
YEEOWFF!
*NOW PAY ATTENTION, BECAUSE THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE'LL TELL YOU THAT D.D. AND SPIDEY MET ONCE BEFORE IN SPIDER-MAN #16!.. WEARY STAN!


MY BLOWS DON'T SEEM TO HAVE HAD ANY EFFECT AT ALL UPON HIM!
LOOK, FELLA.. WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE.. BESIDES THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A NATURAL-BORN TROUBLE-MAKER?
IT'S SIMPLE, HORN-HEAD! I'M GONNA MAKE YOU TALK... IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
YOU JUVENILE, JUMPING JACK-IN-THE-BOX... HOW CAN I TALK WHEN I'M TOO BUSY DODGING THOSE HAYMAKERS OF YOURS!
I SLIPPED! THAT ONE ALMOST TAGGED ME!
NOW'S MY CHANCE.. WHILE HE'S OFF-BALANCE!
ONCE I NAIL HIM, HE'LL BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO TELL ME WHAT I WANNA KNOW!
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY? NO MATTER HOW FAST I AM, HE MANAGES TO ROLL WITH THE BLOW!
I HAVEN'T LANDED A REAL SOLID PUNCH YET!
THAP!
OKAY, WEB-HEAD... THAT DID IT! I DON'T ACT AS A PUNCHING-BAG FOR ANYBODY!
FTAKK!
UHHH! WHAT DID I DO THAT FOR? NOW HE'S REALLY MAD!
WHAT'S WITH YOU, ANYWAY? DON'T YOU HAVE SENSE ENOUGH TO FALL DOWN AFTER YOU'VE BEEN ROUNDLY WHUMPED?
KEEP TALKING, DAREDEVIL! DON'T STOP, WHATEVER YOU DO! I WANNA BE SURE I'LL REMEMBER YOU THE WAY YOU ARE NOW..!
MATTHEW, MY BOY, YOU FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT... BUT THAT WEB-SLINGING WONDER IS JUST TOO STRONG! I'VE GOT TO REST FOR A FEW SECONDS... EVEN IF IT MEANS LETTING HIM LAND ANOTHER PUNCH!
LUCKY FOR ME HE DOESN'T HAVE MY SPIDER-SENSE, OR I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO HANDLE HIM!
BUT, HE'S WINDED NOW... I CAN TELL! SO, HERE GOES..!


GERONIMO!
BOK!
EVEN THOUGH I MANAGED TO FALL BACK WITH THE PUNCH, IT STILL FELT LIKE A SLEDGE-HAMMER!
NOW, MASKED MAN--TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW! DON'T MAKE ME HIT YOU AGAIN!
BUT, THIS IS WHAT I NEED... JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS... TO CATCH MY BREATH--!
I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR HIM-- HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO QUIT!
CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER BLOW LIKE THAT! I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY MOVE NOW... WHEN HE LEAST EXPECTS IT!
WAIT! THAT NOISE... OVERHEAD! GETTING LOUDER... HEADING TOWARDS THE WORLD MOTORS BUILDING--!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE IN LUCK, DAREDEVIL... YOU'VE GOT A REPRIEVE COMING!
UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO TACKLE UP THERE--!
THE SOUND OF POWERFUL ENGINES... BUT MOVING SLOWER THAN ANY AIRPLANE! AND, WITH A DIFFERENT RHYTHM THAN A HELI-COPTER!
IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING--!
IT'S A BLIMP... SLOWLY, STEADILY DESCENDING TOWARDS THE ROOF TOPS!
IF IT'S THE MARAUDER YOU'RE AFTER, WE'D BETTER POSTPONE OUR LITTLE FUN-FEST AND SEE WHAT THAT OVERGROWN GASBAG IS UP TO!
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BUT, DAREDEVIL AND SPIDER-MAN ARE NOT THE ONLY TWO WHO HAVE SIGHTED THE APPROACHING AIRCRAFT---
THEY'RE COMING CLOSER, DAVE! BETTER CHECK WITH CENTRAL SECURITY!
HOLD IT! THEY'RE STARTING TO SWING AROUND! IT MAY BE A FALSE ALARM!
LET'S JUST WAIT ANOTHER FEW SECONDS!
HHHH
HOW ABOUT THAT? IT'S A GOOD THING WE WAITED!
YEAH! WE'D HAVE MADE A COUPLE OF PRIZE CHUMPS OF OURSELVES... PRESSIN' THE PANIC BUTTON AT THE SIGHT OF ONE OF OUR OWN ADVERTISIN' BLIMPS!
WORLD MOTORS
I NEVER SAW ONE FLYIN' SO LOW BEFORE THOUGH...!
AND, IN THE PILOTS' CABIN OF THE "ADVERTISING BLIMP" WHICH CONTINUES TO DRAW NEARER...
IT WORKED---AS I KNEW IT WOULD! THEY STILL SUSPECT NOTHING!
THEY'RE COMPLETELY UNAWARE! NO ALARM HAS YET BEEN SOUNDED!
GOTTA HAND IT TO YA, BOSS! YOU STILL HAVEN'T SLIPPED UP YET!
AND I NEVER SHALL! THE MASKED MARAUDER CAN OUTWIT ANY ENEMY---OR ANY COMBINATION OF ENEMIES!
NOW, ASSEMBLE OUR FIRST ATTACK GROUP! WE LAND IN THIRTY SECONDS!
TAKE YOUR PLACES--- QUICKLY! REMEMBER, AS IN ALL OUR OPERATIONS, SPLIT-SECOND TIMING IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE!
NOW.. GO!
DON'T WORRY, BOSS! THEY'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM!
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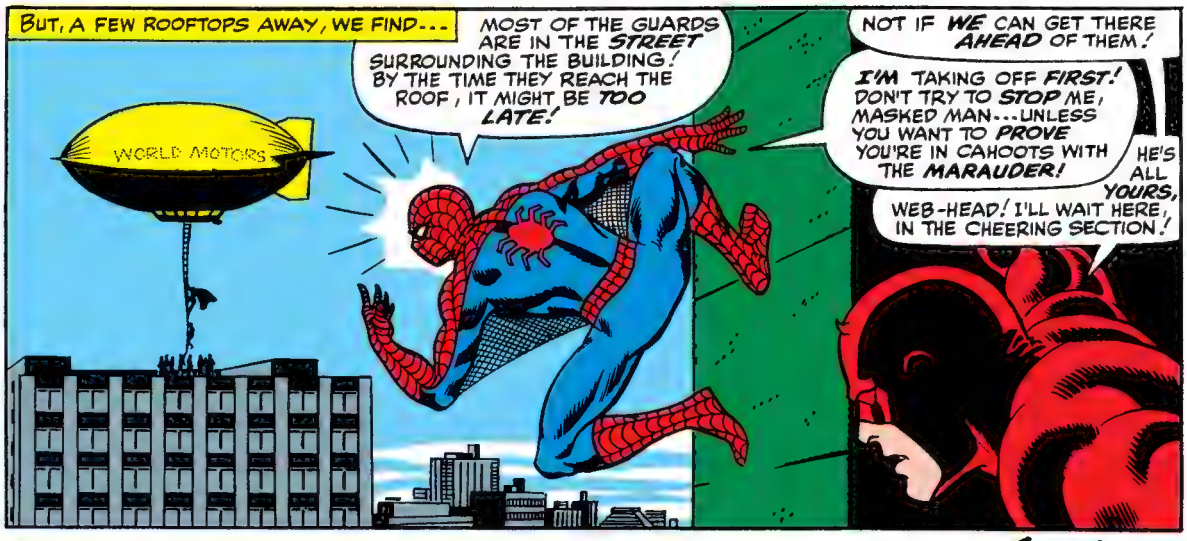
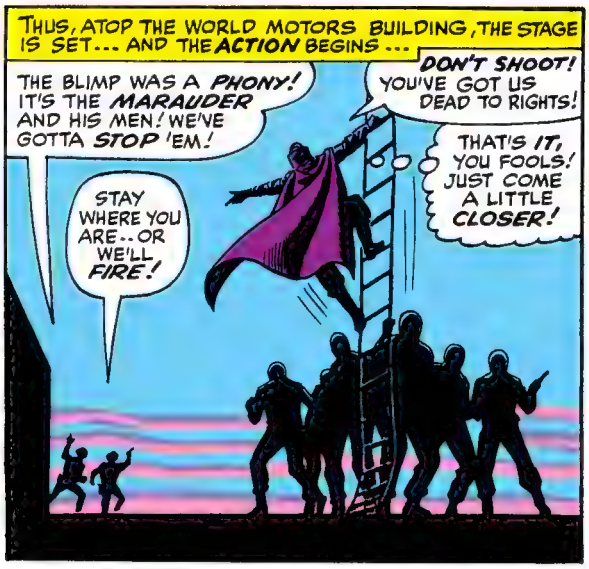
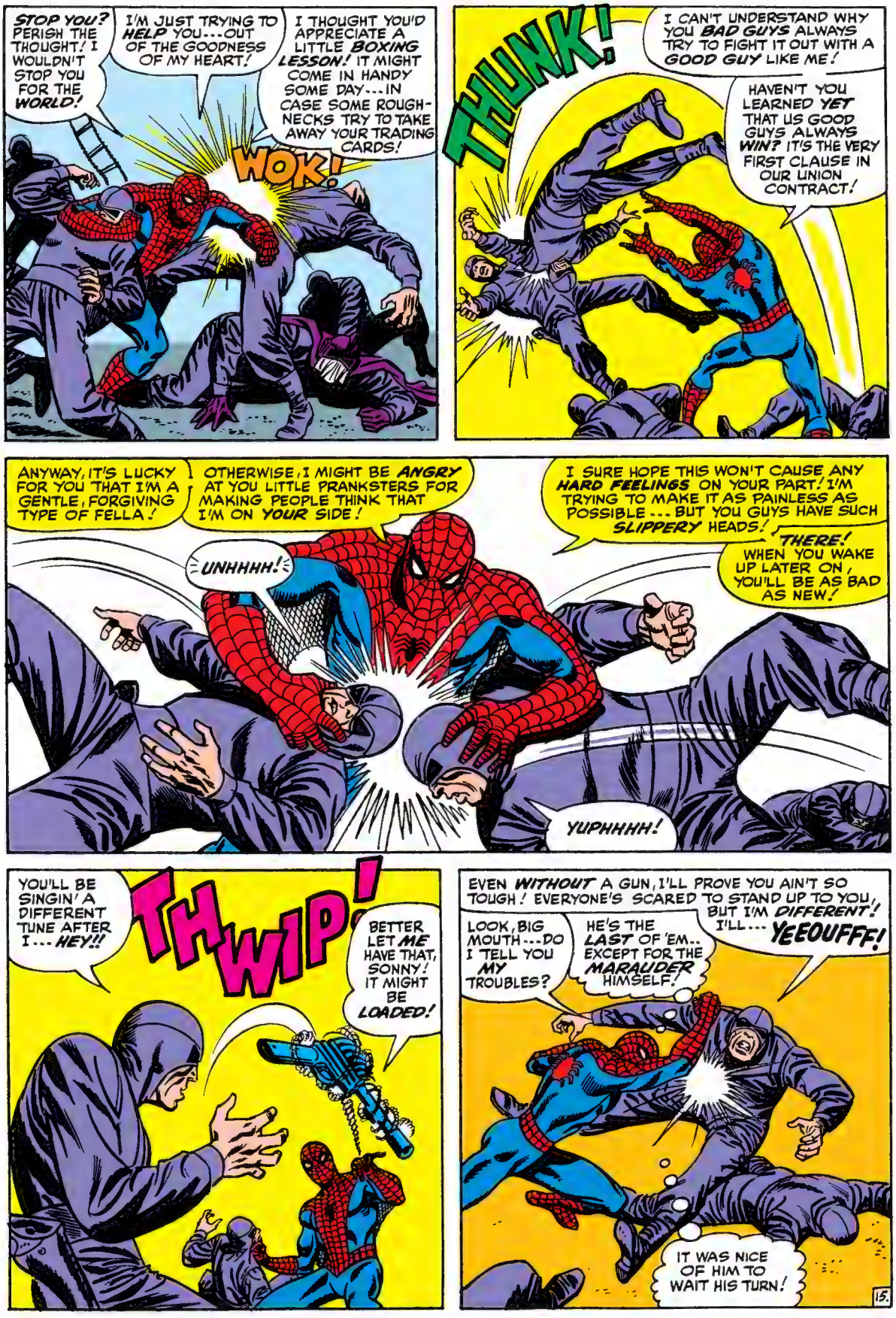

BUT, A FEW ROOFTOPS AWAY, WE FIND---
WORLD MOTORS
MOST OF THE GUARDS ARE IN THE STREET SURROUNDING THE BUILDING! BY THE TIME THEY REACH THE ROOF, IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE!
NOT IF WE CAN GET THERE AHEAD OF THEM!
I'M TAKING OFF FIRST! DON'T TRY TO STOP ME, MASKED MAN---UNLESS YOU WANT TO PROVE YOU'RE IN CAHOOTS WITH THE MARAUDER!
HE'S ALL YOURS, WEB-HEAD! I'LL WAIT HERE, IN THE CHEERING SECTION!


THUS, ATOP THE WORLD MOTORS BUILDING, THE STAGE IS SET--- AND THE ACTION BEGINS ---
THE BLIMP WAS A PHONY! IT'S THE MARAUDER AND HIS MEN! WE'VE GOTTA STOP 'EM!
DON'T SHOOT! YOU'VE GOT US DEAD TO RIGHTS!
THAT'S IT, YOU FOOLS! JUST COME A LITTLE CLOSER!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE--OR WE'LL FIRE!

PERFECT! THEY'RE WITHIN MINIMUM RANGE OF MY OPTI-BLAST NOW!
ZAT!
BULLSEYE!
THAT'LL STOP 'EM!

BY THE TIME THEY'VE RECOVERED THEIR SIGHT SUFFICIENTLY TO ALERT THE GUARDS BELOW, WE'LL HAVE DEPARTED---WITH THE PRECIOUS FUELING FORMULA!
NOW YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS! PROCEED AS PLANNED!
NOT SO FAST, MARAUDER! THERE'S ONE LITTLE DETAIL YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN!
WHO'S THAT?

YOUR FRIENDLY, NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN! DEFENDER OF THE WEAK---OPPRESSOR OF THE WICKED--- AND FORMER HANDBALL CHAMP OF MY ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD!
THAK!
BOK!
WHUMP!
GET HIM! HE MUSTN'T STOP US NOW!


STOP YOU? PERISH THE THOUGHT! I WOULDN'T STOP YOU FOR THE WORLD!
I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU...OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF MY HEART!
I THOUGHT YOU'D APPRECIATE A LITTLE BOXING LESSON! IT MIGHT COME IN HANDY SOME DAY...IN CASE SOME ROUGH-NECKS TRY TO TAKE AWAY YOUR TRADING CARDS!
WOK!
THUNK!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU BAD GUYS ALWAYS TRY TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH A GOOD GUY LIKE ME!
HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED YET THAT US GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN? IT'S THE VERY FIRST CLAUSE IN OUR UNION CONTRACT!
ANYWAY, IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU THAT I'M A GENTLE, FORGIVING TYPE OF FELLA!
OTHERWISE, I MIGHT BE ANGRY AT YOU LITTLE PRANKSTERS FOR MAKING PEOPLE THINK THAT I'M ON YOUR SIDE!
I SURE HOPE THIS WON'T CAUSE ANY HARD FEELINGS ON YOUR PART! I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE... BUT YOU GUYS HAVE SUCH SLIPPERY HEADS!
THERE! WHEN YOU WAKE UP LATER ON, YOU'LL BE AS BAD AS NEW!
UNHHHH!
YUPHHHH!
YOU'LL BE SINGIN' A DIFFERENT TUNE AFTER I... HEY!!
THWIP!
BETTER LET ME HAVE THAT, SONNY! IT MIGHT BE LOADED!
EVEN WITHOUT A GUN, I'LL PROVE YOU AIN'T SO TOUGH! EVERYONE'S SCARED TO STAND UP TO YOU, BUT I'M DIFFERENT! I'LL... YEEOUFFF!
LOOK, BIG MOUTH...DO I TELL YOU MY TROUBLES?
HE'S THE LAST OF 'EM.. EXCEPT FOR THE MARAUDER HIMSELF!
IT WAS NICE OF HIM TO WAIT HIS TURN!
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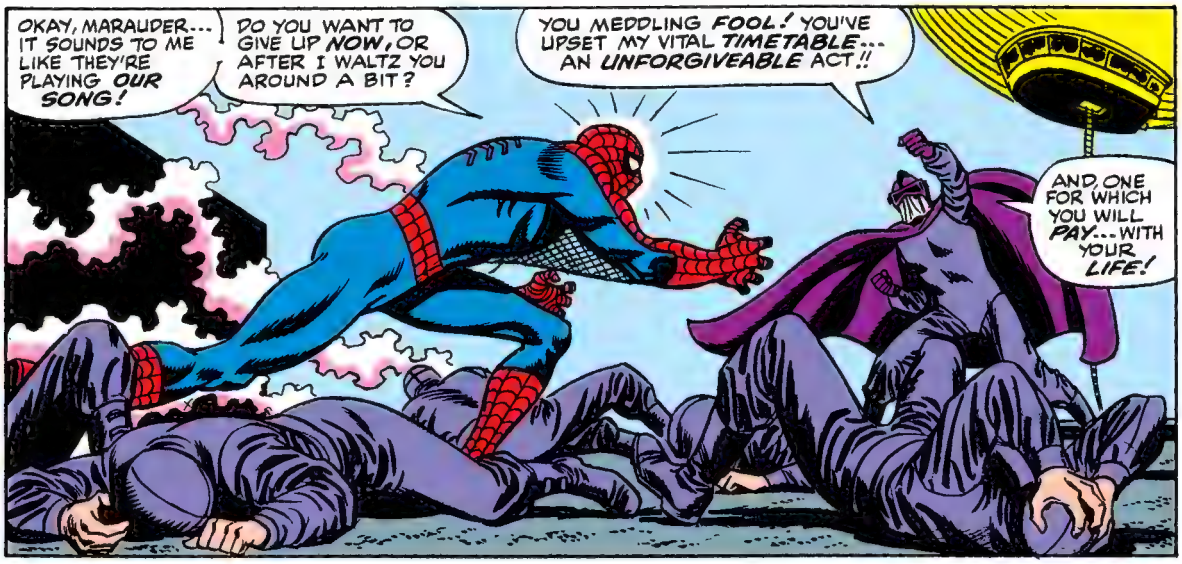
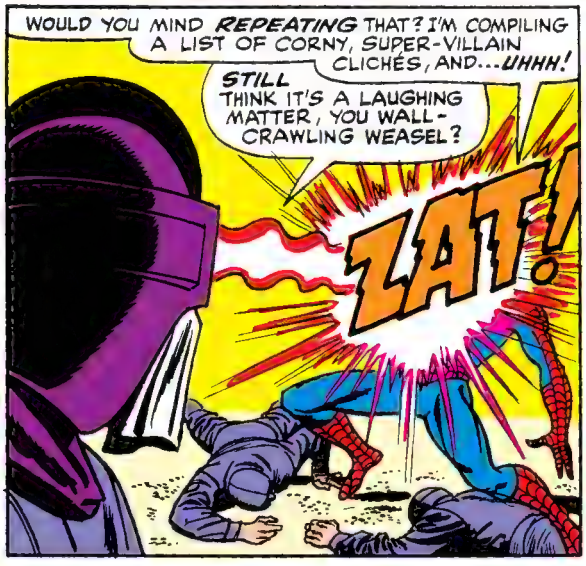
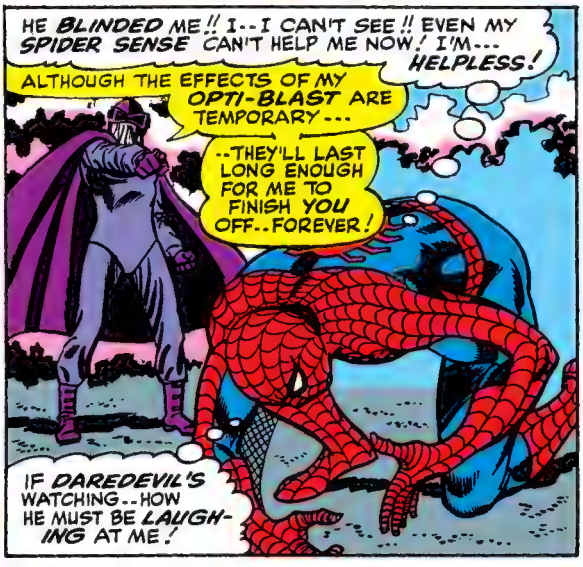

OKAY, MARAUDER... IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG!
DO YOU WANT TO GIVE UP NOW, OR AFTER I WALTZ YOU AROUND A BIT?
YOU MEDDLING FOOL! YOU'VE UPSET MY VITAL TIMETABLE... AN UNFORGIVEABLE ACT!!
AND, ONE FOR WHICH YOU WILL PAY... WITH YOUR LIFE!


WOULD YOU MIND REPEATING THAT? I'M COMPILING A LIST OF CORNY, SUPER-VILLAIN CLICHÉS, AND... UHHH!
STILL THINK IT'S A LAUGHING MATTER, YOU WALL-CRAWLING WEASEL?
ZAT!

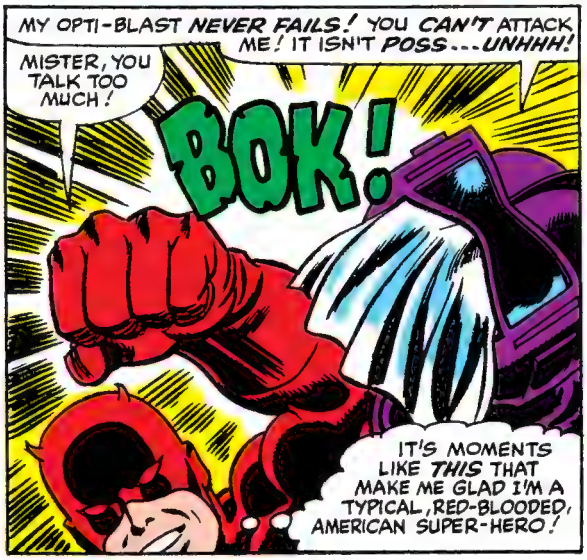

HE BLINDED ME!! I--I CAN'T SEE!! EVEN MY SPIDER SENSE CAN'T HELP ME NOW! I'M... HELPLESS!
ALTHOUGH THE EFFECTS OF MY OPTI-BLAST ARE TEMPORARY...
--THEY'LL LAST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO FINISH YOU OFF--FOREVER!
IF DAREDEVIL'S WATCHING--HOW HE MUST BE LAUGHING AT ME!

BUT, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR IS DOING FAR MORE THAN THE HO-HO-HO BIT...
DAREDEVIL!
IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND.. IT'S A NAME DROPPER!
THWOP!

IF I WAS ABLE TO FELL SPIDER-MAN WITH ONE SINGLE BLAST, HOW CAN YOU EXPECT TO HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST ME?
LET'S JUST SAY I'M AN INCURABLE OPTIMIST! ALSO I'VE GOT A SECRET ADVANTAGE!
WHAT'S THAT?
I HAVEN'T ENOUGH SENSE TO BE FRIGHTENED!

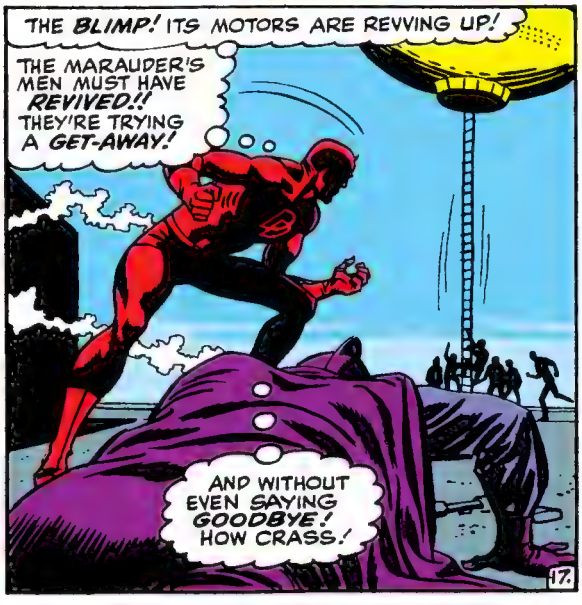
WELL, MY ARROGANT ANTAGONIST...THIS IS WHERE YOU SHALL LEARN THE TRUE MEANING OF... FEAR!
SOME SORT OF BEAM STRIKING MY FACE... AIMED AT MY EYES!
ZAT!

I GUESS I'M JUST A BACKWARD STUDENT! MAYBE I NEED ANOTHER LESSON!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY BLINDED! STOP..!!
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS! IN MY CASE, IT'S SORT OF LIKE GILDING THE LILY!
HOW DO YOU BLIND A MAN WHO IS ALREADY SIGHTLESS?


MY OPTI-BLAST NEVER FAILS! YOU CAN'T ATTACK ME! IT ISN'T POSS...UNHHH!
MISTER, YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
BOK!
IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THIS THAT MAKE ME GLAD I'M A TYPICAL, RED-BLOODED, AMERICAN SUPER-HERO!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME... YOU CAN'T!! NOT WHEN I'VE COME SO CLOSE TO SUCCESS! I CAN'T LOSE EVERYTHING NOW!
YOU'RE NOT MUCH AT KARATE, FRIEND... BUT YOU SURE DELIVER AN IMPASSIONED SOLILOQUY!
ANYWAY, AFTER TANGLING WITH SPIDER-MAN, YOUR CHOP FEELS LIKE A LOVE TAP!
THAK!

BUT SINCE YOU'VE RUN OUT OF WITTY REPARTEE, WE MIGHT AS WELL WRAP THIS UP! I'M GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF TALKING TO MYSELF!
WHUUUPPPFF!
GESUNDHEIT!
WHUP!


THE BLIMP! ITS MOTORS ARE REVVING UP!
THE MARAUDER'S MEN MUST HAVE REVIVED!! THEY'RE TRYING A GET-AWAY!
AND WITHOUT EVEN SAYING GOODBYE! HOW CRASS!

WITHOUT A SECOND'S HESITATION, THE SIGHTLESS SENSATION REACHES DOWN, SEIZING A WEAPON WHICH ONE OF THE MARAUDER'S MEN HAS DROPPED ---
AND NOW, FOR THE NEATEST TRICK OF THE WEEK--!
I CAN TELL BY THE WEIGHT THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE SHELL REMAINING IN THE CHAMBER --- SO THIS SHOT HAS TO DO IT!
AND IT MUST BE NOW--- BEFORE THE BLIMP IS SO HIGH THAT A CRASH WILL CAUSE FATALITIES!
IF EVER MY RADAR SENSE HAD TO BE AS SHARP AS A PAIR OF EYES--- THIS IS THE TIME! SO, HERE GOES--!
KWOOK
CRACK!
SCRATCH ONE BUSTED BLIMP!!
YEOWW!
IT EXPLODED--!!
THERE GOES OUR GETAWAY! WE'LL BE TRAPPED!
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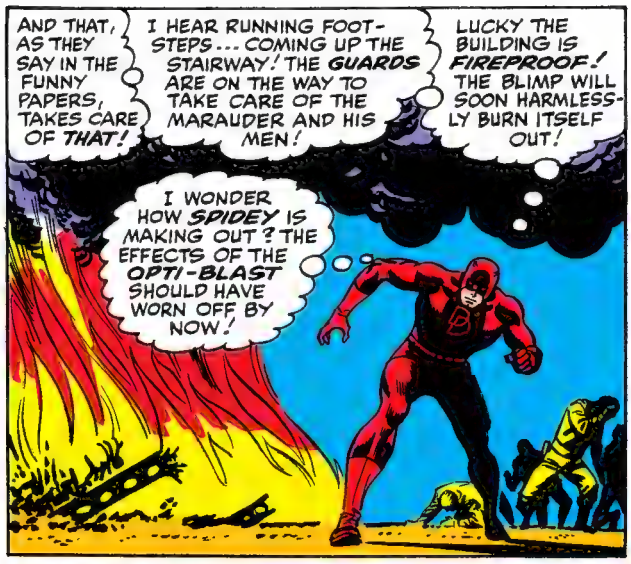
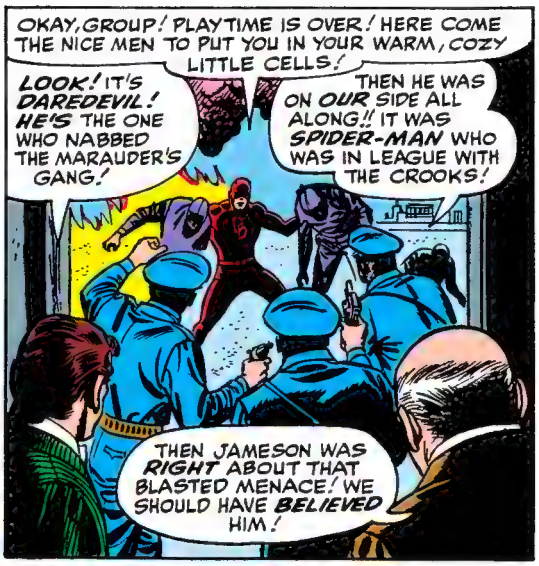
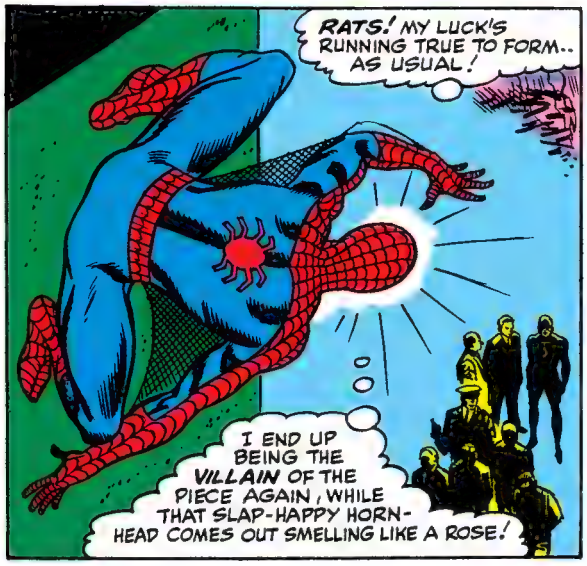
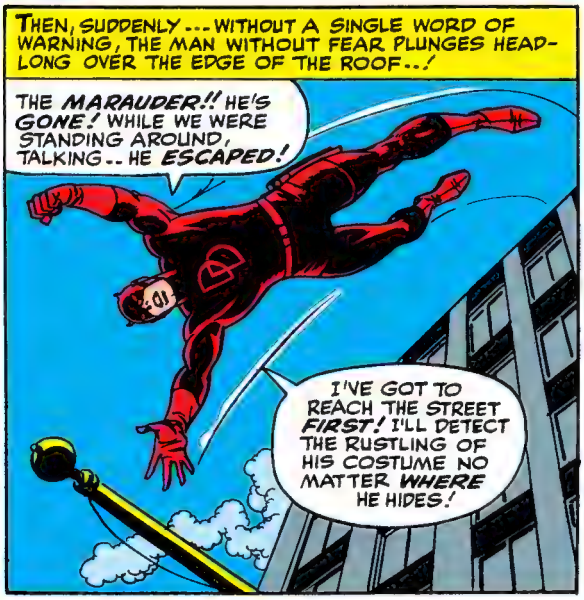
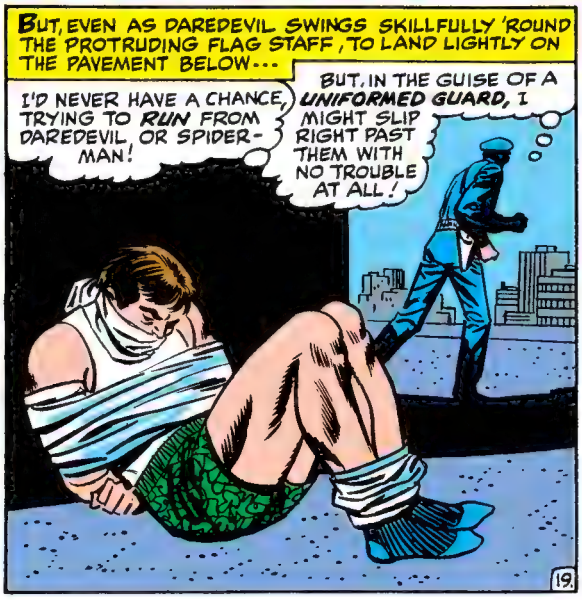

AND THAT, AS THEY SAY IN THE FUNNY PAPERS, TAKES CARE OF THAT!
I HEAR RUNNING FOOT-STEPS... COMING UP THE STAIRWAY! THE GUARDS ARE ON THE WAY TO TAKE CARE OF THE MARAUDER AND HIS MEN!
LUCKY THE BUILDING IS FIREPROOF! THE BLIMP WILL SOON HARMLESS-LY BURN ITSELF OUT!
I WONDER HOW SPIDEY IS MAKING OUT? THE EFFECTS OF THE OPTI-BLAST SHOULD HAVE WORN OFF BY NOW!

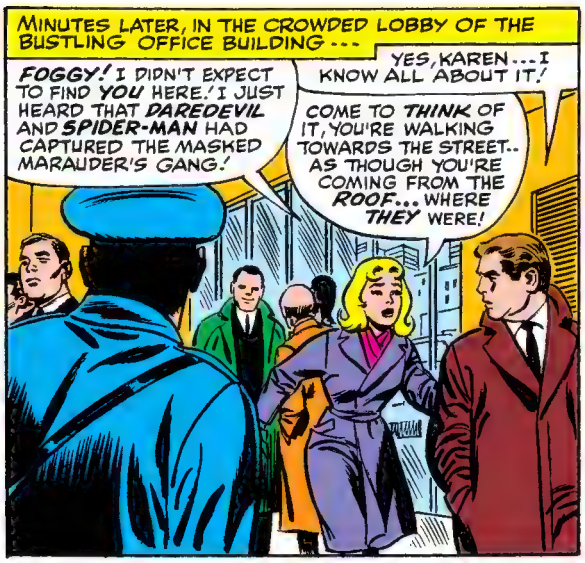

OKAY, GROUP! PLAYTIME IS OVER! HERE COME THE NICE MEN TO PUT YOU IN YOUR WARM, COZY LITTLE CELLS!
LOOK! IT'S DAREDEVIL! HE'S THE ONE WHO NABBED THE MARAUDER'S GANG!
THEN HE WAS ON OUR SIDE ALL ALONG!! IT WAS SPIDER-MAN WHO WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THE CROOKS!
THEN JAMESON WAS RIGHT ABOUT THAT BLASTED MENACE! WE SHOULD HAVE BELIEVED HIM!

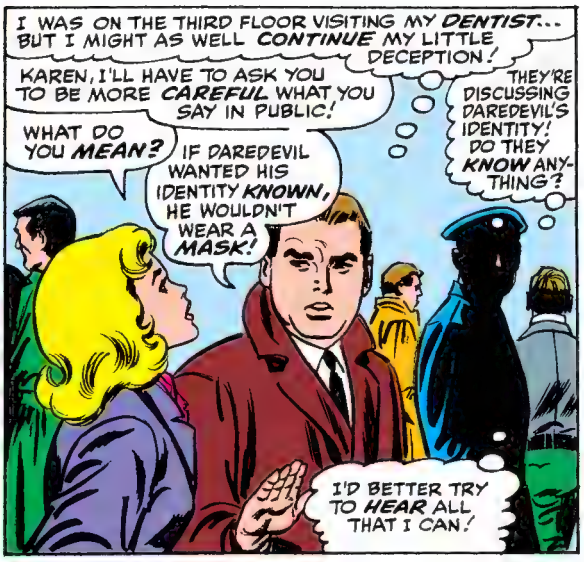

RATS! MY LUCK'S RUNNING TRUE TO FORM.. AS USUAL!
I END UP BEING THE VILLAIN OF THE PIECE AGAIN, WHILE THAT SLAP-HAPPY HORN-HEAD COMES OUT SMELLING LIKE A ROSE!

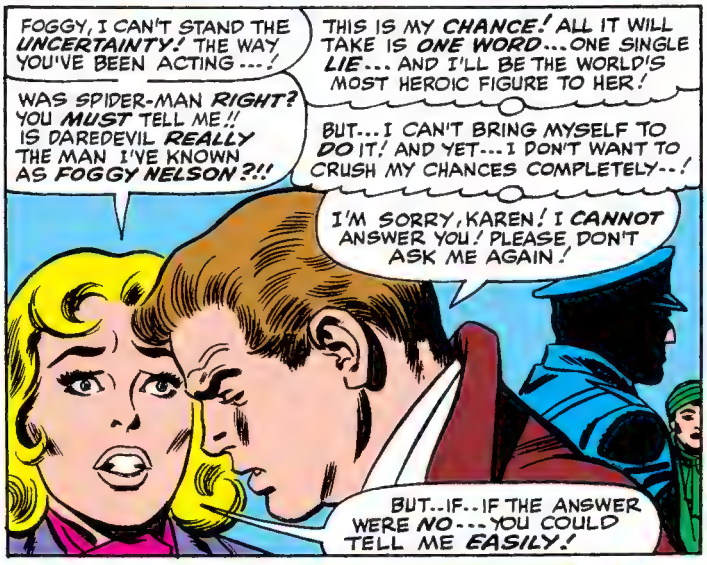
NO! WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S HE SAYING NOW? I MUST BE HEARING THINGS!
HOLD ON, THERE! YOU'RE ALL JUMPING TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION!
NO WONDER SPIDER-MAN ACTS SO BITTER SOMETIMES!
HE WAS NO MORE INVOLVED WITH THE MARAUDER THAN I WAS! IN FACT, HE'S THE ONE WHO TORE INTO THEM, BEFORE I COULD EVEN REACH THE SCENE!

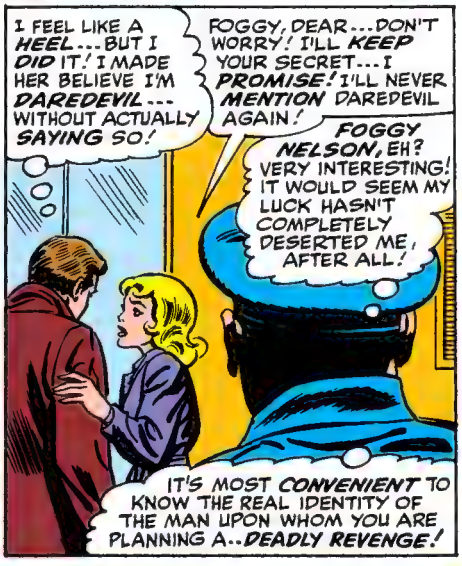

THEN, SUDDENLY --- WITHOUT A SINGLE WORD OF WARNING, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR PLUNGES HEAD-LONG OVER THE EDGE OF THE ROOF..!
THE MARAUDER!! HE'S GONE! WHILE WE WERE STANDING AROUND, TALKING.. HE ESCAPED!
I'VE GOT TO REACH THE STREET FIRST! I'LL DETECT THE RUSTLING OF HIS COSTUME NO MATTER WHERE HE HIDES!

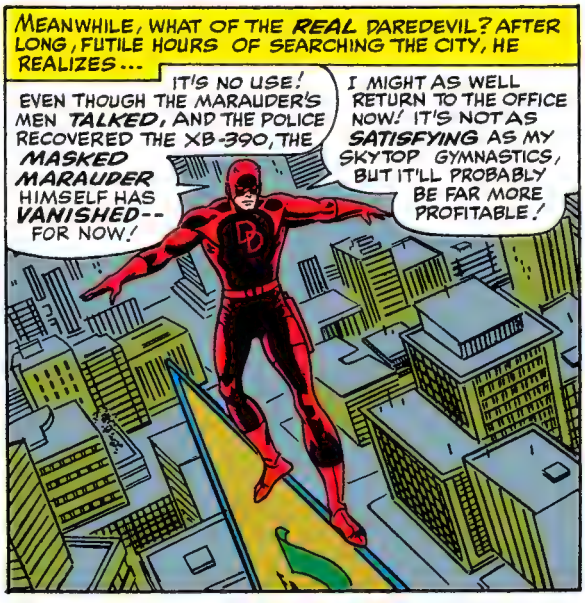

BUT, EVEN AS DAREDEVIL SWINGS SKILLFULLY 'ROUND THE PROTRUDING FLAG STAFF, TO LAND LIGHTLY ON THE PAVEMENT BELOW---
I'D NEVER HAVE A CHANCE, TRYING TO RUN FROM DAREDEVIL OR SPIDER-MAN!
BUT, IN THE GUISE OF A UNIFORMED GUARD, I MIGHT SLIP RIGHT PAST THEM WITH NO TROUBLE AT ALL!

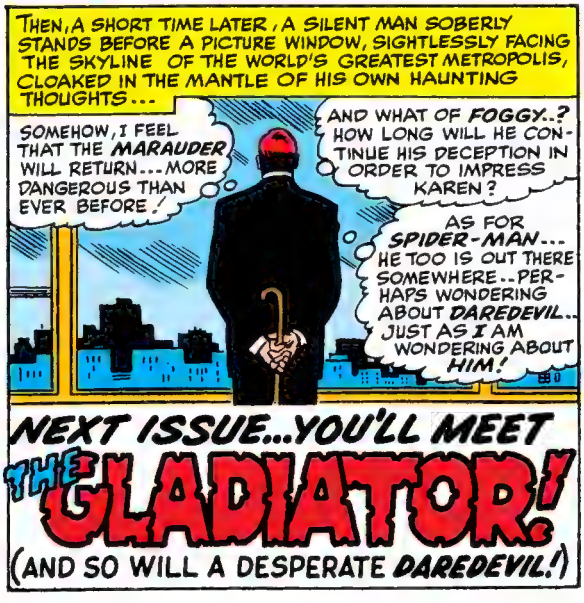

MINUTES LATER, IN THE CROWDED LOBBY OF THE BUSTLING OFFICE BUILDING---
FOGGY! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE. I JUST HEARD THAT DAREDEVIL AND SPIDER-MAN HAD CAPTURED THE MASKED MARAUDER'S GANG!
YES, KAREN---I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE WALKING TOWARDS THE STREET--AS THOUGH YOU'RE COMING FROM THE ROOF... WHERE THEY WERE!


I WAS ON THE THIRD FLOOR VISITING MY DENTIST... BUT I MIGHT AS WELL CONTINUE MY LITTLE DECEPTION!
KAREN, I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO BE MORE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY IN PUBLIC!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IF DAREDEVIL WANTED HIS IDENTITY KNOWN, HE WOULDN'T WEAR A MASK!
THEY'RE DISCUSSING DAREDEVIL'S IDENTITY! DO THEY KNOW ANYTHING?
I'D BETTER TRY TO HEAR ALL THAT I CAN!


FOGGY, I CAN'T STAND THE UNCERTAINTY! THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN ACTING---!
WAS SPIDER-MAN RIGHT? YOU MUST TELL ME!! IS DAREDEVIL REALLY THE MAN I'VE KNOWN AS FOGGY NELSON?!!
THIS IS MY CHANCE! ALL IT WILL TAKE IS ONE WORD...ONE SINGLE LIE... AND I'LL BE THE WORLD'S MOST HEROIC FIGURE TO HER!
BUT...I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO DO IT! AND YET---I DON'T WANT TO CRUSH MY CHANCES COMPLETELY--!
I'M SORRY, KAREN! I CANNOT ANSWER YOU! PLEASE DON'T ASK ME AGAIN!
BUT--IF--IF THE ANSWER WERE NO---YOU COULD TELL ME EASILY!


I FEEL LIKE A HEEL---BUT I DID IT! I MADE HER BELIEVE I'M DAREDEVIL--- WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING SO!
FOGGY, DEAR---DON'T WORRY! I'LL KEEP YOUR SECRET---I PROMISE! I'LL NEVER MENTION DAREDEVIL AGAIN!
FOGGY NELSON, EH? VERY INTERESTING! IT WOULD SEEM MY LUCK HASN'T COMPLETELY DESERTED ME, AFTER ALL!
IT'S MOST CONVENIENT TO KNOW THE REAL IDENTITY OF THE MAN UPON WHOM YOU ARE PLANNING A--DEADLY REVENGE!


MEANWHILE, WHAT OF THE REAL DAREDEVIL? AFTER LONG, FUTILE HOURS OF SEARCHING THE CITY, HE REALIZES...
IT'S NO USE! EVEN THOUGH THE MARAUDER'S MEN TALKED, AND THE POLICE RECOVERED THE XB-390, THE MASKED MARAUDER HIMSELF HAS VANISHED--FOR NOW!
I MIGHT AS WELL RETURN TO THE OFFICE NOW! IT'S NOT AS SATISFYING AS MY SKYTOP GYMNASTICS, BUT IT'LL PROBABLY BE FAR MORE PROFITABLE!


THEN, A SHORT TIME LATER, A SILENT MAN SOBERLY STANDS BEFORE A PICTURE WINDOW, SIGHTLESSLY FACING THE SKYLINE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST METROPOLIS, CLOAKED IN THE MANTLE OF HIS OWN HAUNTING THOUGHTS...
SOMEHOW, I FEEL THAT THE MARAUDER WILL RETURN---MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER BEFORE!
AND WHAT OF FOGGY..? HOW LONG WILL HE CONTINUE HIS DECEPTION IN ORDER TO IMPRESS KAREN?
AS FOR SPIDER-MAN... HE TOO IS OUT THERE SOMEWHERE--PERHAPS WONDERING ABOUT DAREDEVIL... JUST AS I AM WONDERING ABOUT HIM!

NEXT ISSUE...YOU'LL MEET THE GLADIATOR!

(AND SO WILL A DESPERATE DAREDEVIL!)

HERE COMES...
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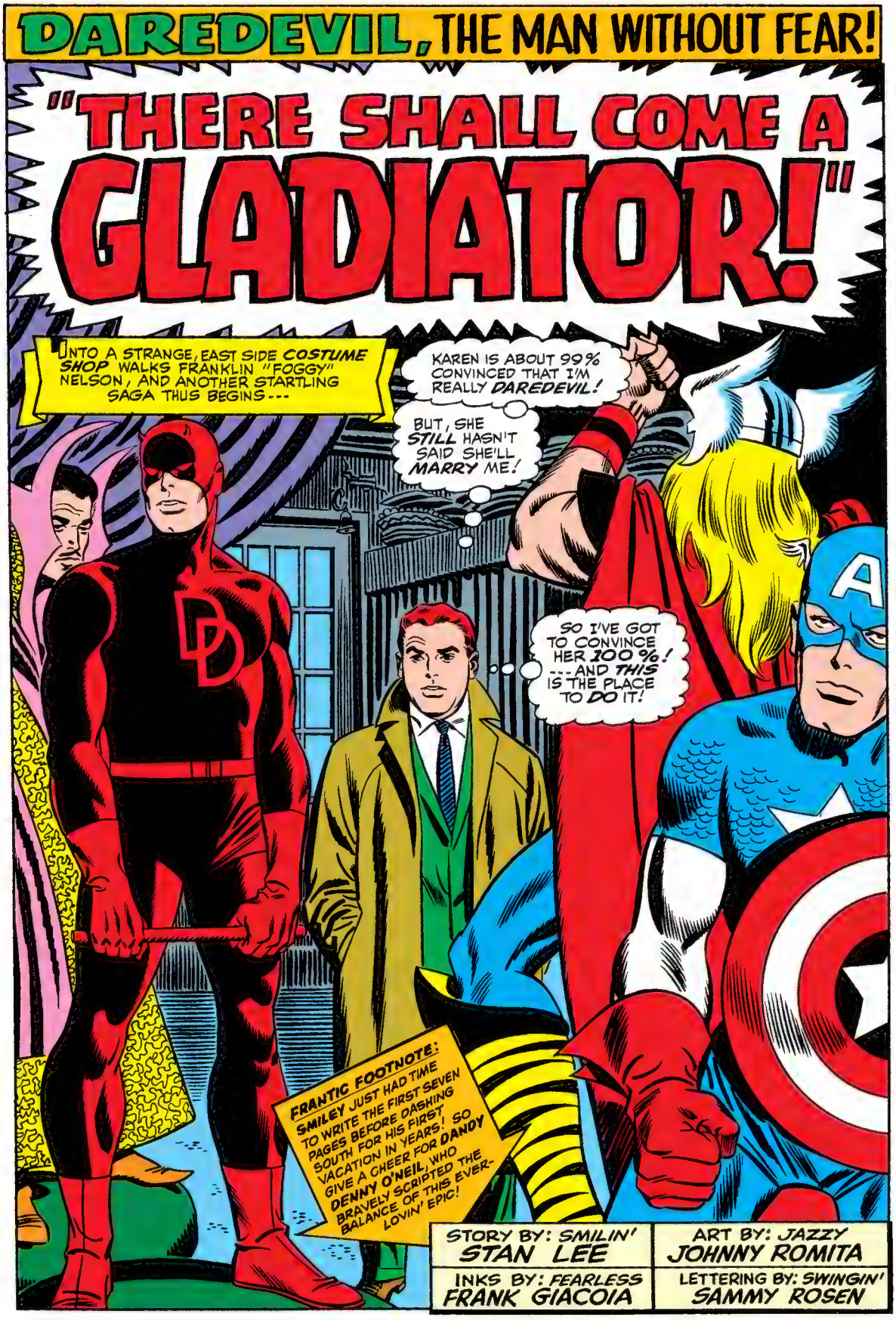
DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"THERE SHALL COME A GLADIATOR!"
UNTO A STRANGE, EAST SIDE COSTUME SHOP WALKS FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON, AND ANOTHER STARTLING SAGA THUS BEGINS---
KAREN IS ABOUT 99% CONVINCED THAT I'M REALLY DAREDEVIL!
BUT, SHE STILL HASN'T SAID SHE'LL MARRY ME!
SO I'VE GOT TO CONVINCE HER 100%! ---AND THIS IS THE PLACE TO DO IT!
FRANTIC FOOTNOTE: SMILEY JUST HAD TIME TO WRITE THE FIRST SEVEN PAGES BEFORE DASHING SOUTH FOR HIS FIRST VACATION IN YEARS! SO GIVE A CHEER FOR DENNY O'NEIL, WHO BRAVELY SCRIPTED THE BALANCE OF THIS EVER-LOVIN' EPIC!
STORY BY: SMILIN' STAN LEE
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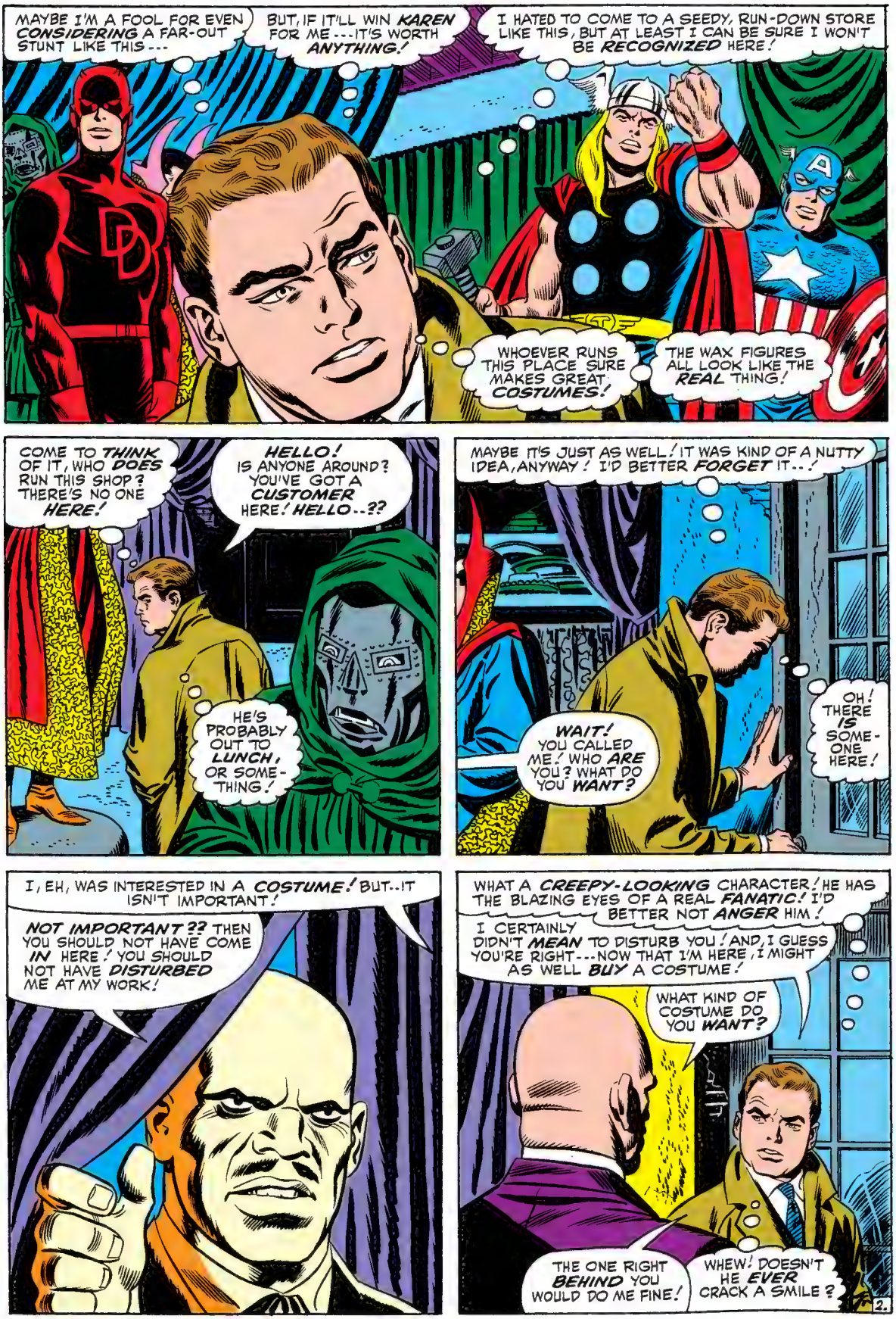
MAYBE I'M A FOOL FOR EVEN CONSIDERING A FAR-OUT STUNT LIKE THIS---
BUT, IF IT'LL WIN KAREN FOR ME---IT'S WORTH ANYTHING!
I HATED TO COME TO A SEEDY, RUN-DOWN STORE LIKE THIS, BUT AT LEAST I CAN BE SURE I WON'T BE RECOGNIZED HERE!
WHOEVER RUNS THIS PLACE SURE MAKES GREAT COSTUMES!
THE WAX FIGURES ALL LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING!
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHO DOES RUN THIS SHOP? THERE'S NO ONE HERE!
HELLO! IS ANYONE AROUND? YOU'VE GOT A CUSTOMER HERE! HELLO--??
HE'S PROBABLY OUT TO LUNCH, OR SOMETHING!
MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL! IT WAS KIND OF A NUTTY IDEA, ANYWAY! I'D BETTER FORGET IT--!
WAIT! YOU CALLED ME! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
OH! THERE IS SOMEONE HERE!
I, EH, WAS INTERESTED IN A COSTUME! BUT--IT ISN'T IMPORTANT!
NOT IMPORTANT?? THEN YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE COME IN HERE! YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE DISTURBED ME AT MY WORK!
WHAT A CREEPY-LOOKING CHARACTER! HE HAS THE BLAZING EYES OF A REAL FANATIC! I'D BETTER NOT ANGER HIM!
I CERTAINLY DIDN'T MEAN TO DISTURB YOU! AND, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT---NOW THAT I'M HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL BUY A COSTUME!
WHAT KIND OF COSTUME DO YOU WANT?
THE ONE RIGHT BEHIND YOU WOULD DO ME FINE!
WHEW! DOESN'T HE EVER CRACK A SMILE?
2.

I DO NOT HAVE A DAREDEVIL COSTUME IN YOUR SIZE!
YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE SOMETHING ELSE!
I CAN'T! IT HAS TO BE DAREDEVIL!
YOU SEE, IT.. IT'S FOR A COSTUME PARTY!
IF IT IS MERELY FOR A PARTY, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE DAREDEVIL? I HAVE MANY OTHERS THAT WOULD FIT YOU!
I GUESS I MAKE A ROTTEN LIAR! I MIGHT AS WELL TELL HIM THE TRUTH, BEFORE I TRIP MYSELF UP COMPLETELY!
ACTUALLY, I WANT TO IMPRESS A GIRL! SHE'S REAL SWEET ON DAREDEVIL, AND...
AND YOU WANT HER TO THINK THAT YOU ARE THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR?
ALL RIGHT! I WILL ALTER THE COSTUME SO THAT IT WILL FIT YOU! BUT, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY AN EXTRA CHARGE!
IT'LL BE WORTH IT! THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME!
I HOPE I DON'T SOUND TOO MUCH LIKE A REAL NUT TO HIM!
DO NOT MOVE WHILE I TAKE YOUR EXACT MEASUREMENTS!
THEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER...
YOU MAY COME BACK FOR IT TONIGHT-- AFTER DARK!
THAT'S FINE! I APPRECIATE THIS! I'LL TRY IT ON AS SOON AS IT'S FINISHED!
AFTER DARK? EVEN THE REAL DAREDEVIL WOULDN'T WANNA FACE HIM WITH THE LIGHTS OUT!
THEN, SCANT SECONDS AFTER FOGGY NELSON HAS LEFT THE DECREPIT SHOP...
THAK!
COSTUMED SUPER-HEROES! I HATE THEM ALL!
THEY'RE NOTHING BUT OVERRATED, CONCEITED, SWAGGERING BRAGGARTS!
ALL THEIR GLAMOR.. ALL THEIR APPEAL.. LIES WITHIN THEIR COLORFUL COSTUMES!
BUT TAKE AWAY THOSE COSTUMES, AND THEY'RE NO BETTER THAN I AM!
FOR YEARS I'VE THOUGHT THAT ANYONE COULD BE A SUPER-HERO ---OR VILLAIN--- IF HE HAD THE RIGHT POWERS BUILT INTO HIS CLOTHES!
NOW.. AT LAST.. I'M READY TO PROVE MY THEORY!
AND THAT UNSUSPECTING FOOL---IN HIS DAREDEVIL SUIT.. WILL BE MY GUINEA PIG!
3.

BUT, IF YOU'RE LIKE MOST OF OUR ROLLICKIN' READERS, YOU WANNA GET A GLIMPSE OF THE REAL DAREDEVIL ONCE IN A WHILE... JUST FOR KICKS! AND SO, WE SWITCH OUR SCENE TO A QUIET APARTMENT ON THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN, WHERE WE FIND THE SIGHTLESS MATT MURDOCK, LOST IN THOUGHT...
I STILL CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT FOGGY...!
EVERY CHANCE HE GETS, HE TRIES TO DROP A NEW HINT TO KAREN THAT HE'S ACTUALLY DAREDEVIL!
HE DOESN'T SUSPECT WHAT A DANGEROUS GAME HE'S PLAYING!
YET, I CAN'T EXPOSE HIM WITHOUT REVEALING THE FACT THAT I'M DAREDEVIL!
BESIDES WHICH... HE'S MY FRIEND! HE'D NEVER FORGIVE ME IF I SPOILED HIS LITTLE DECEPTION! I COULDN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
BUT, HE DOESN'T REALIZE THE DEADLY CHANCE HE'S TAKING!
IF ANY OF MY OLD ENEMIES SHOULD THINK THAT FOGGY IS ME...
...IT WOULD BE HIS FINISH!
AND I'D ALWAYS FEEL I WAS TO BLAME!
JUST CAN'T THINK! I'VE GOT TO CLEAR AWAY THE COBWEBS!
I NEED EXERCISE... ACTION! IT'S TIME TO VISIT MY HIDDEN LOWER-FLOOR GYM..!
WITHIN SECONDS, THE QUIET ATTORNEY IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE DYNAMIC MAN WITHOUT FEAR... UTILIZING EACH OF HIS SUPER-KEEN, SUPER-POWERFUL SENSES...
AH... THIS IS WHAT I NEEDED...
A CHANCE TO MOVE.. TO LEAP.. TO BE THE MAN I WANT TO BE.. I MUST BE.. ALWAYS!
HOUR AFTER HOUR THE DAZZLING EXERCISE SESSION CONTINUES... UNSEEN BY ANY HUMAN EYES... UNTIL...
I'VE GOT TO GET A HEAVIER BAG! THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME I'VE BROKEN THAT ONE!
BTOK!
WELL, I GUESS THAT WRAPS IT UP FOR TODAY!
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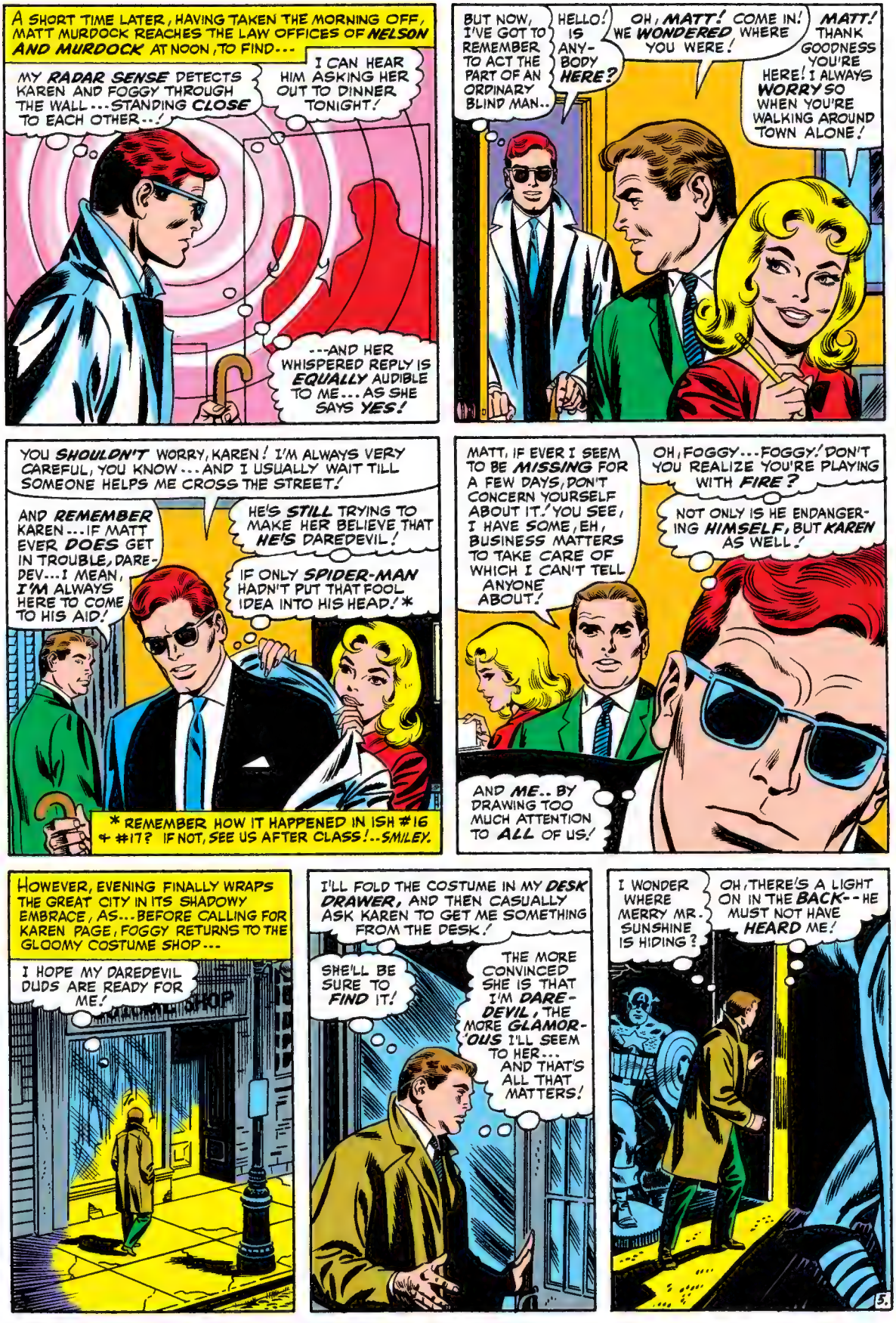
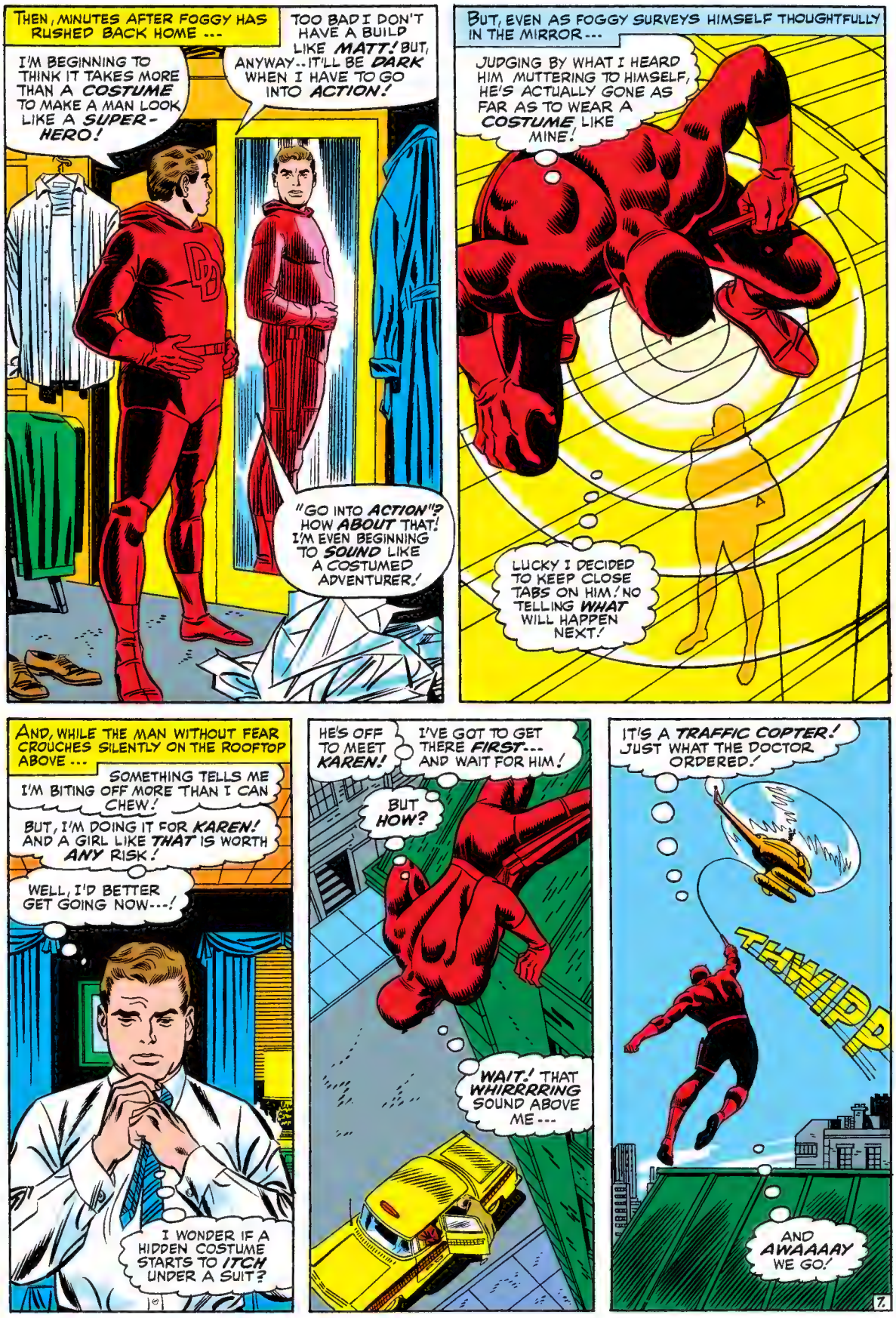

A SHORT TIME LATER, HAVING TAKEN THE MORNING OFF, MATT MURDOCK REACHES THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK AT NOON, TO FIND---
MY RADAR SENSE DETECTS KAREN AND FOGGY THROUGH THE WALL---STANDING CLOSE TO EACH OTHER--!
I CAN HEAR HIM ASKING HER OUT TO DINNER TONIGHT!
---AND HER WHISPERED REPLY IS EQUALLY AUDIBLE TO ME... AS SHE SAYS YES!
BUT NOW, I'VE GOT TO REMEMBER TO ACT THE PART OF AN ORDINARY BLIND MAN..
HELLO! IS ANY-BODY HERE?
OH, MATT! COME IN! WE WONDERED WHERE YOU WERE!
MATT! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE! I ALWAYS WORRY SO WHEN YOU'RE WALKING AROUND TOWN ALONE!
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY, KAREN! I'M ALWAYS VERY CAREFUL, YOU KNOW--- AND I USUALLY WAIT TILL SOMEONE HELPS ME CROSS THE STREET!
AND REMEMBER KAREN---IF MATT EVER DOES GET IN TROUBLE, DARE-DEV---I MEAN, I'M ALWAYS HERE TO COME TO HIS AID!
HE'S STILL TRYING TO MAKE HER BELIEVE THAT HE'S DAREDEVIL!
IF ONLY SPIDER-MAN HADN'T PUT THAT FOOL IDEA INTO HIS HEAD! *
* REMEMBER HOW IT HAPPENED IN ISH #16 & #17? IF NOT, SEE US AFTER CLASS!--SMILEY.
MATT, IF EVER I SEEM TO BE MISSING FOR A FEW DAYS, DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF ABOUT IT! YOU SEE, I HAVE SOME, EH, BUSINESS MATTERS TO TAKE CARE OF WHICH I CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT!
OH, FOGGY---FOGGY! DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE PLAYING WITH FIRE?
NOT ONLY IS HE ENDANGER-ING HIMSELF, BUT KAREN AS WELL!
AND ME.. BY DRAWING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO ALL OF US!
HOWEVER, EVENING FINALLY WRAPS THE GREAT CITY IN ITS SHADOWY EMBRACE, AS---BEFORE CALLING FOR KAREN PAGE, FOGGY RETURNS TO THE GLOOMY COSTUME SHOP---
I HOPE MY DAREDEVIL DUDS ARE READY FOR ME!
SHOP
I'LL FOLD THE COSTUME IN MY DESK DRAWER, AND THEN CASUALLY ASK KAREN TO GET ME SOMETHING FROM THE DESK!
SHE'LL BE SURE TO FIND IT!
THE MORE CONVINCED SHE IS THAT I'M DARE-DEVIL, THE MORE GLAMOR-OUS I'LL SEEM TO HER... AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!
I WONDER WHERE MERRY MR. SUNSHINE IS HIDING?
OH, THERE'S A LIGHT ON IN THE BACK--HE MUST NOT HAVE HEARD ME!
5.

THERE HE IS! BUT, HE'S NOT WORKING ON MY COSTUME! HE'S CONCENTRATING AS THOUGH HIS LIFE DEPENDS UPON IT!
WISH I COULD SEE BETTER!
JUST THEN...
YOU!!
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE? HOW MUCH DID YOU SEE??!
TAKE IT EASY THERE! YOU TOLD ME TO COME AFTER DARK, REMEMBER? I'M JUST HERE FOR MY DAREDEVIL SUIT!
WHAT'S HE SO EXCITED ABOUT? HE'S ONLY WORKING ON ANOTHER COSTUME!
EH, FORGIVE ME! I DID NOT MEAN TO SHOUT AT YOU...BUT YOU STARTLED ME!
YOUR COSTUME IS READY! I WILL SHOW YOU!
THAT'S GREAT I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT!
BUT, SINCE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN IMPRESSING A LADY, I HAVE A SUGGESTION TO MAKE...
WHY NOT BATTLE A SUPER-VILLAIN IN YOUR DAREDEVIL SUIT...WHILE THE LADY IS WATCHING! THEN REMOVE YOUR MASK, AND SHE WILL NEVER AGAIN DOUBT YOUR IDENTITY!
GOOD IDEA, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING...I DON'T MIND LOOKING LIKE DAREDEVIL...BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO FIGHT LIKE HIM!
WHAT CHANCE WOULD I HAVE AGAINST A REAL SUPER-STRONG MENACE?
YOU COULDN'T LOSE IF YOU FOLLOW MY PLAN!
OKAY, I'M HOOKED! WHAT'S THE PITCH?
I HAVE MANY SINISTER VILLAIN SUITS IN MY SHOP! FOR A PRICE, I COULD HIRE SOMEONE TO WEAR ONE, AND PRETEND TO ATTACK YOU!
I GET IT! THE FIGHT WOULD BE A PHONY...JUST STAGED TO IMPRESS KAREN!
WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? IT SOUNDS COMPLETELY FOOLPROOF!
ALL RIGHT!.. I'LL DO IT!
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD!
SECONDS LATER...
IS EVERYTHING ALL CLEAR THEN?
DON'T WORRY! SOMEONE WILL BE THERE...TO ATTACK DAREDEVIL!
AND YOU, MY UNSUSPECTING FOOL, WILL GET FAR MORE ACTION THAN YOU HAVE EVER BARGAINED FOR!


THEN, MINUTES AFTER FOGGY HAS RUSHED BACK HOME ---
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IT TAKES MORE THAN A COSTUME TO MAKE A MAN LOOK LIKE A SUPER-HERO!
TOO BAD I DON'T HAVE A BUILD LIKE MATT! BUT, ANYWAY--IT'LL BE DARK WHEN I HAVE TO GO INTO ACTION!
"GO INTO ACTION"? HOW ABOUT THAT! I'M EVEN BEGINNING TO SOUND LIKE A COSTUMED ADVENTURER!
BUT, EVEN AS FOGGY SURVEYS HIMSELF THOUGHTFULLY IN THE MIRROR---
JUDGING BY WHAT I HEARD HIM MUTTERING TO HIMSELF, HE'S ACTUALLY GONE AS FAR AS TO WEAR A COSTUME LIKE MINE!
LUCKY I DECIDED TO KEEP CLOSE TABS ON HIM! NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT!
AND, WHILE THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR CROUCHES SILENTLY ON THE ROOFTOP ABOVE ---
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M BITING OFF MORE THAN I CAN CHEW!
BUT, I'M DOING IT FOR KAREN! AND A GIRL LIKE THAT IS WORTH ANY RISK!
WELL, I'D BETTER GET GOING NOW---!
I WONDER IF A HIDDEN COSTUME STARTS TO ITCH UNDER A SUIT?
HE'S OFF TO MEET KAREN!
I'VE GOT TO GET THERE FIRST--- AND WAIT FOR HIM!
BUT HOW?
WAIT! THAT WHIRRRRING SOUND ABOVE ME---
IT'S A TRAFFIC COPTER! JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!
THWIP
AND AWAAAAY WE GO!
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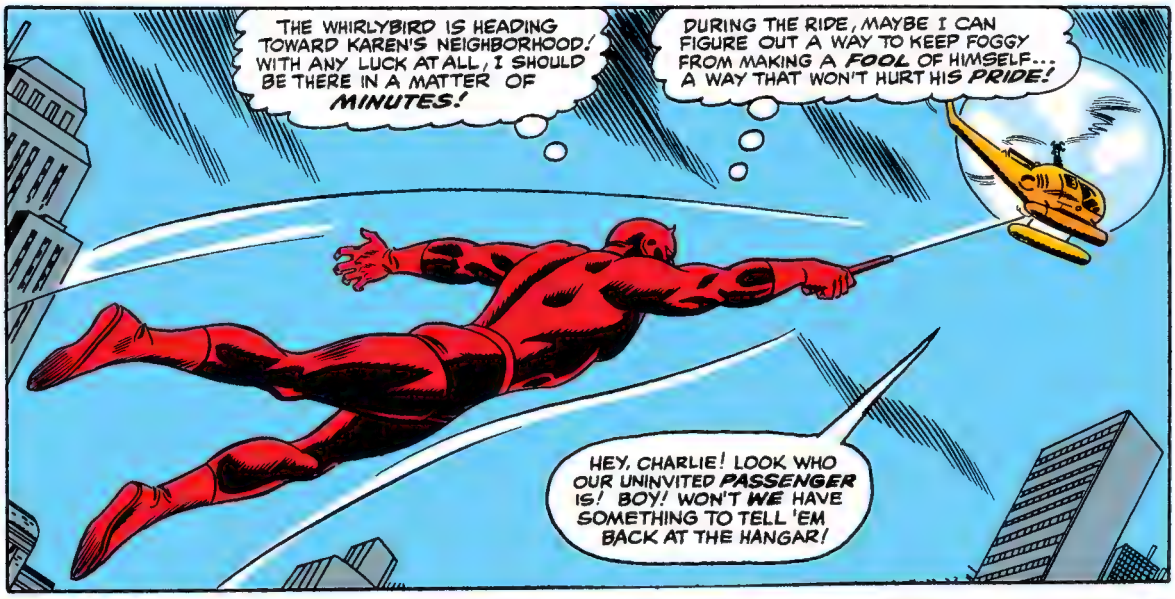
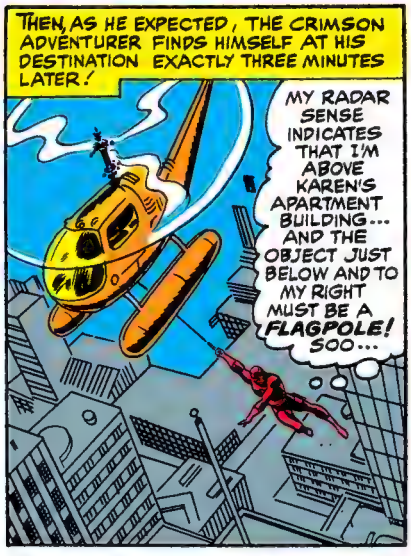
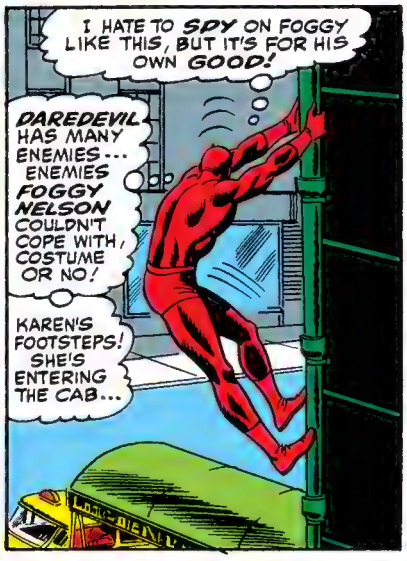
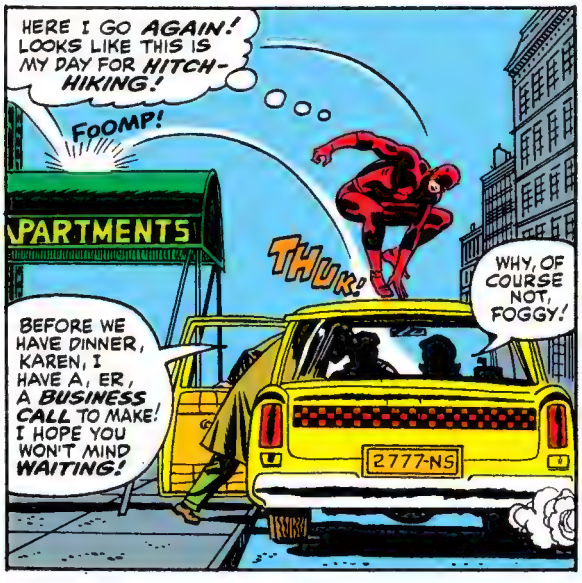

THE WHIRLYBIRD IS HEADING TOWARD KAREN'S NEIGHBORHOOD! WITH ANY LUCK AT ALL, I SHOULD BE THERE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!
DURING THE RIDE, MAYBE I CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO KEEP FOGGY FROM MAKING A FOOL OF HIMSELF... A WAY THAT WON'T HURT HIS PRIDE!
HEY, CHARLIE! LOOK WHO OUR UNINVITED PASSENGER IS! BOY! WON'T WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL 'EM BACK AT THE HANGAR!


THEN, AS HE EXPECTED, THE CRIMSON ADVENTURER FINDS HIMSELF AT HIS DESTINATION EXACTLY THREE MINUTES LATER!
MY RADAR SENSE INDICATES THAT I'M ABOVE KAREN'S APARTMENT BUILDING... AND THE OBJECT JUST BELOW AND TO MY RIGHT MUST BE A FLAGPOLE! SOO...

WITHOUT FLAGPOLES, I'M ONE SUPER-HERO WHO'D BE OUT OF BUSINESS!
BELOW, IN THE STREET, I HEAR FOGGY ORDERING HIS CAB DRIVER TO WAIT FOR HIM.
ANOTHER MINUTE AND I'D HAVE BEEN TOO LATE!


I HATE TO SPY ON FOGGY LIKE THIS, BUT IT'S FOR HIS OWN GOOD!
DAREDEVIL HAS MANY ENEMIES... ENEMIES FOGGY NELSON COULDN'T COPE WITH, COSTUME OR NO!
KAREN'S FOOTSTEPS! SHE'S ENTERING THE CAB...


HERE I GO AGAIN! LOOKS LIKE THIS IS MY DAY FOR HITCH-HIKING!
FOOMP!
APARTMENTS
THUK!
WHY, OF COURSE NOT, FOGGY!
BEFORE WE HAVE DINNER, KAREN, I HAVE A, ER, A BUSINESS CALL TO MAKE! I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND WAITING!
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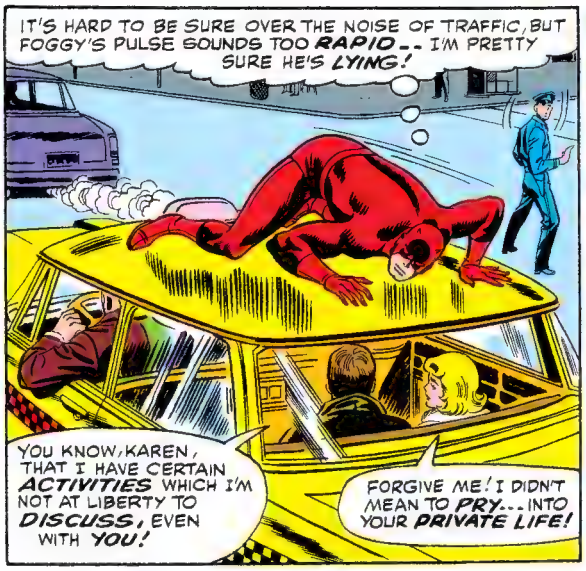
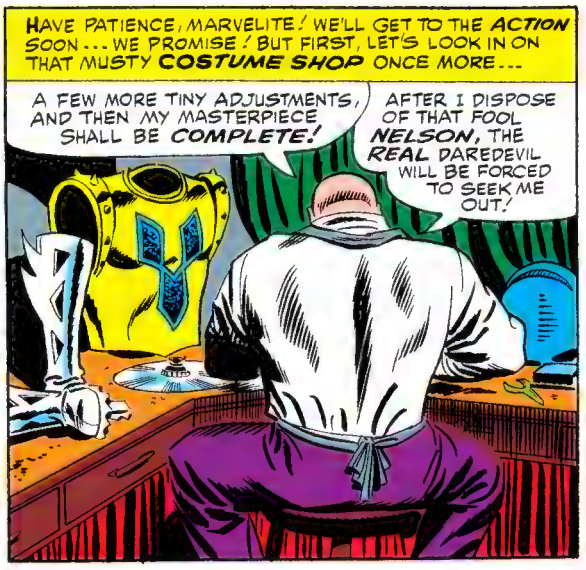
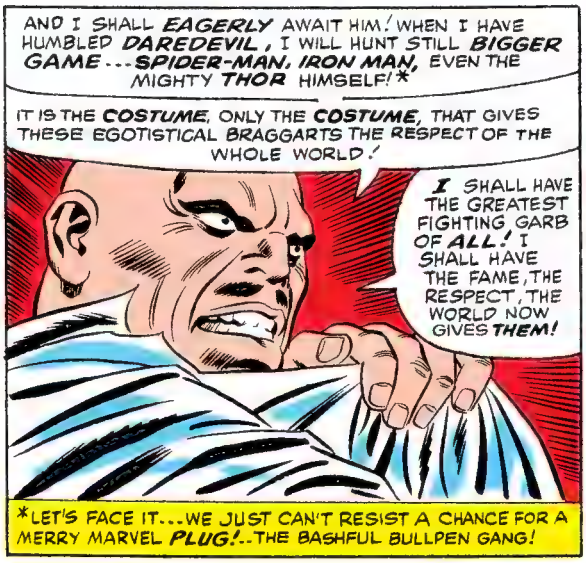
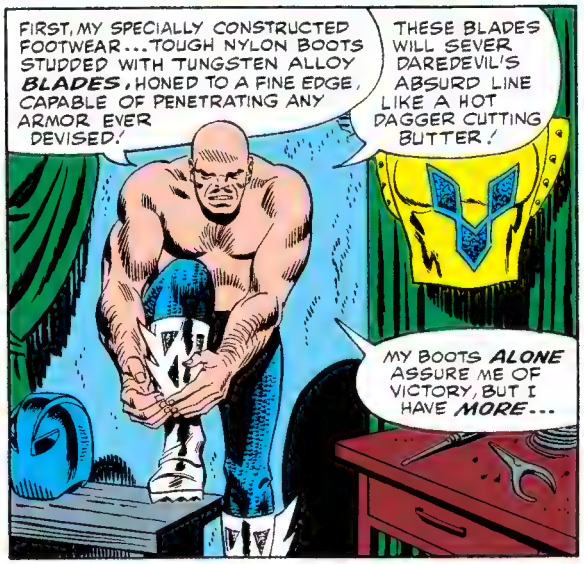
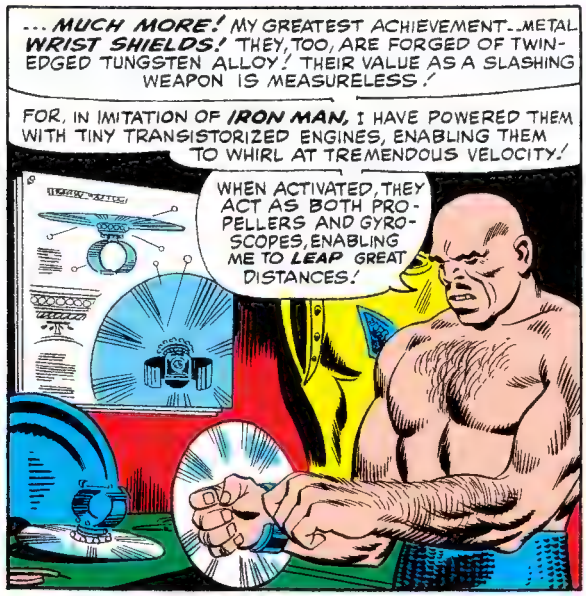
BUT, I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY CLIENTS WE HAVEN'T SEEN AT THE OFFICE RECENTLY!
I'M NOT GOING TO SEE A CLIENT! IT'S...IT'S PERSONAL BUSINESS!
IF THAT PHONY VILLAIN DOESN'T SHOW UP, I'M GOING TO LOOK LIKE AN AWFUL SAP!
DID YOU FOLKS HEAR SOMETHIN' ON THE ROOF? AW, I GUESS I'M JUST IMAGININ' THINGS!


IT'S HARD TO BE SURE OVER THE NOISE OF TRAFFIC, BUT FOGGY'S PULSE SOUNDS TOO RAPID -- I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S LYING!
YOU KNOW, KAREN, THAT I HAVE CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WHICH I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS, EVEN WITH YOU!
FORGIVE ME! I DIDN'T MEAN TO PRY... INTO YOUR PRIVATE LIFE!

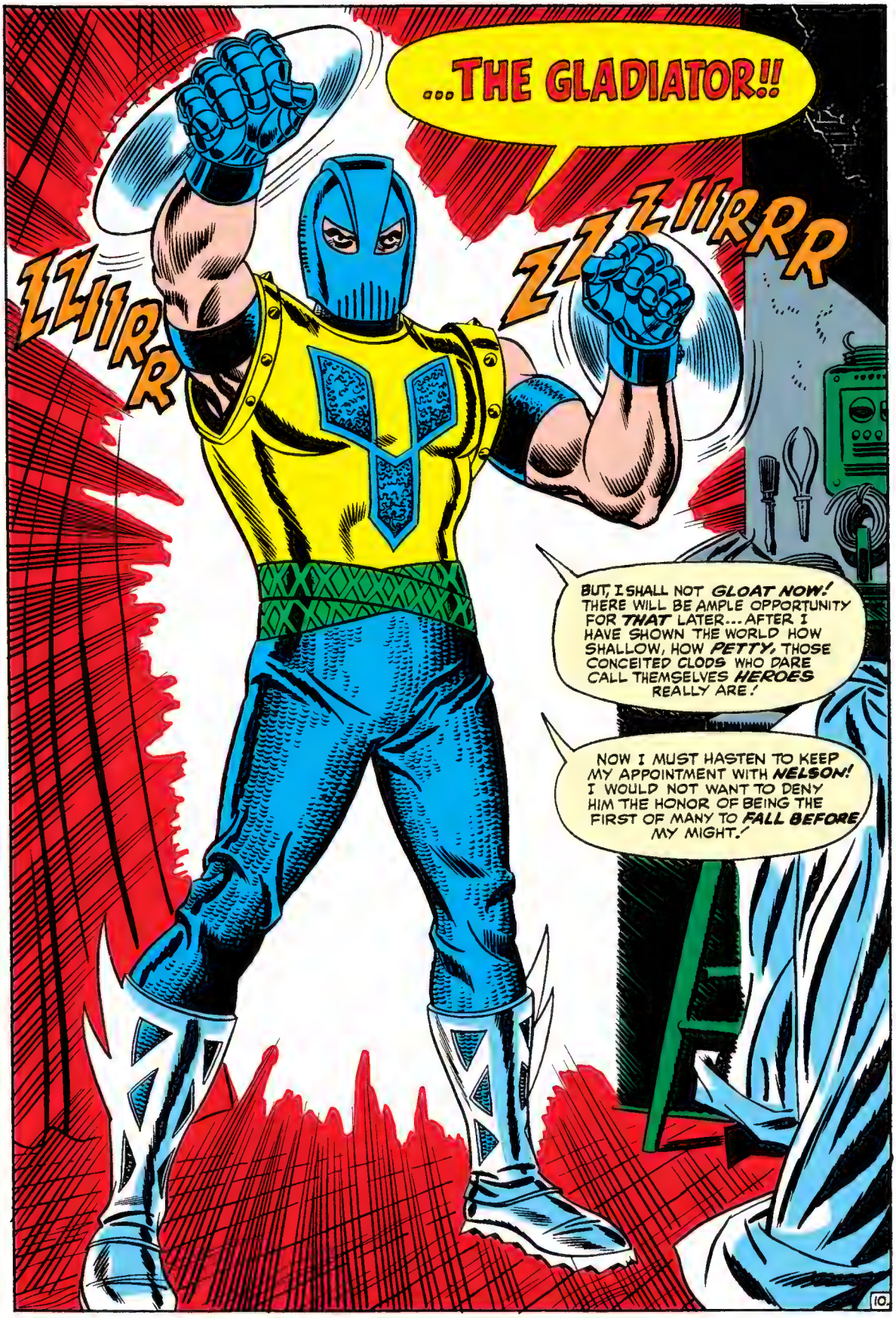

HAVE PATIENCE, MARVELITE! WE'LL GET TO THE ACTION SOON... WE PROMISE! BUT FIRST, LET'S LOOK IN ON THAT MUSTY COSTUME SHOP ONCE MORE...
A FEW MORE TINY ADJUSTMENTS, AND THEN MY MASTERPIECE SHALL BE COMPLETE!
AFTER I DISPOSE OF THAT FOOL NELSON, THE REAL DAREDEVIL WILL BE FORCED TO SEEK ME OUT!


AND I SHALL EAGERLY AWAIT HIM! WHEN I HAVE HUMBLED DAREDEVIL, I WILL HUNT STILL BIGGER GAME... SPIDER-MAN, IRON MAN, EVEN THE MIGHTY THOR HIMSELF!*
IT IS THE COSTUME, ONLY THE COSTUME, THAT GIVES THESE EGOTISTICAL BRAGGARTS THE RESPECT OF THE WHOLE WORLD!
I SHALL HAVE THE GREATEST FIGHTING GARB OF ALL! I SHALL HAVE THE FAME, THE RESPECT, THE WORLD NOW GIVES THEM!
*LET'S FACE IT... WE JUST CAN'T RESIST A CHANCE FOR A MERRY MARVEL PLUG!.. THE BASHFUL BULLPEN GANG!


FIRST, MY SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED FOOTWEAR... TOUGH NYLON BOOTS STUDDED WITH TUNGSTEN ALLOY BLADES, HONED TO A FINE EDGE, CAPABLE OF PENETRATING ANY ARMOR EVER DEVISED!
THESE BLADES WILL SEVER DAREDEVIL'S ABSURD LINE LIKE A HOT DAGGER CUTTING BUTTER!
MY BOOTS ALONE ASSURE ME OF VICTORY, BUT I HAVE MORE...


... MUCH MORE! MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT -- METAL WRIST SHIELDS! THEY, TOO, ARE FORGED OF TWIN-EDGED TUNGSTEN ALLOY! THEIR VALUE AS A SLASHING WEAPON IS MEASURELESS!
FOR, IN IMITATION OF IRON MAN, I HAVE POWERED THEM WITH TINY TRANSISTORIZED ENGINES, ENABLING THEM TO WHIRL AT TREMENDOUS VELOCITY!
WHEN ACTIVATED, THEY ACT AS BOTH PROPELLERS AND GYROSCOPES, ENABLING ME TO LEAP GREAT DISTANCES!

AND, FINALLY, MY HELMET! IT WILL NOT ONLY PROTECT ME FROM THE WORST BLOWS ANY SO-CALLED SUPER-HERO CAN DELIVER...
... BUT, THE TINY, SELF-CONTAINED OXYGEN REGENERATOR WILL PERMIT ME TO BREATHE WHERE THERE IS NO AIR, IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES!
IT HAS TAKEN ME YEARS, AND EVERY CENT I HAVE TO CREATE THIS COSTUME, BUT IT HAS BEEN WORTH ALL MY EFFORT! FOR, NOW, I STAND READY TO CHALLENGE THE WORLD AS...


...THE GLADIATOR!!
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ZZIIRRR
BUT, I SHALL NOT GLOAT NOW! THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT LATER... AFTER I HAVE SHOWN THE WORLD HOW SHALLOW, HOW PETTY, THOSE CONCEITED CLODS WHO DARE CALL THEMSELVES HEROES REALLY ARE!
NOW I MUST HASTEN TO KEEP MY APPOINTMENT WITH NELSON! I WOULD NOT WANT TO DENY HIM THE HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST OF MANY TO FALL BEFORE MY MIGHT!
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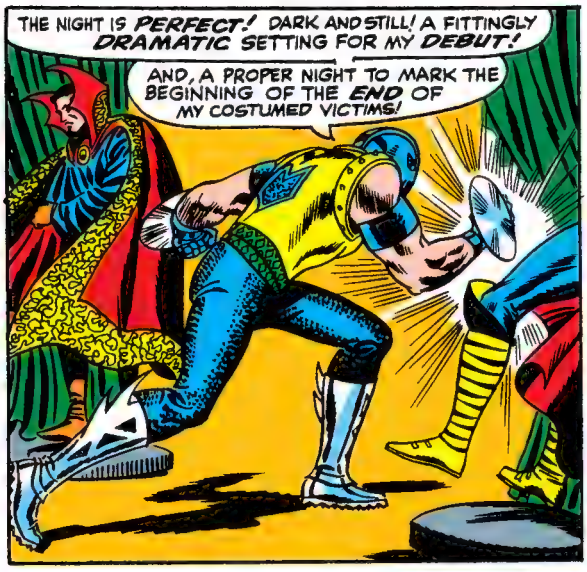
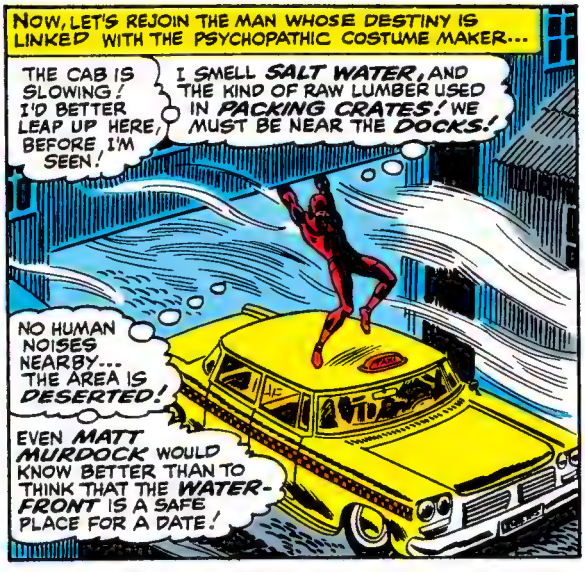
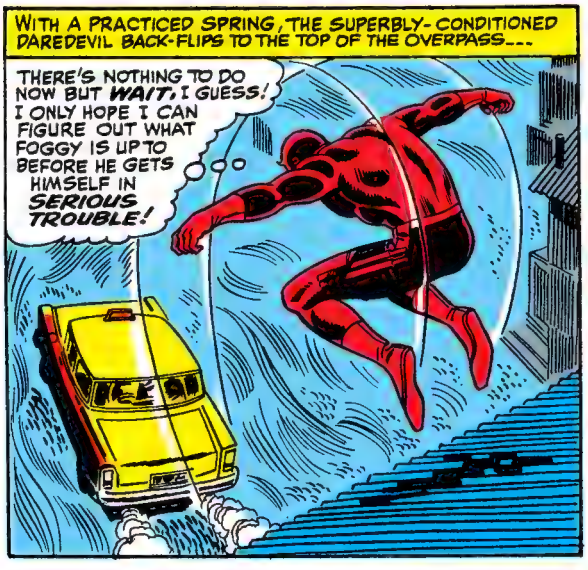
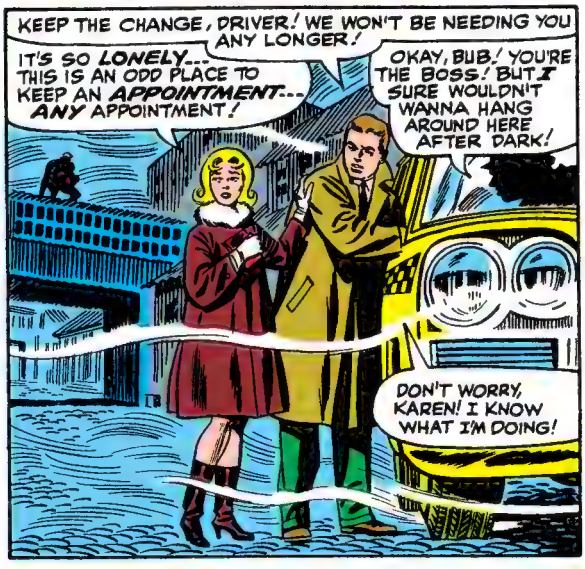
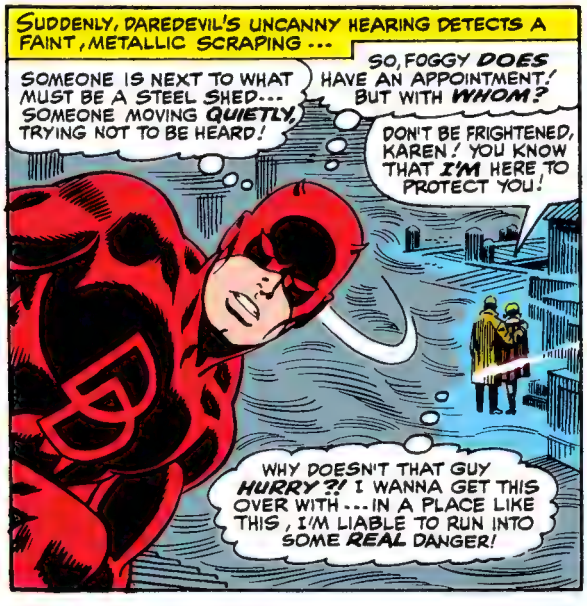

THE NIGHT IS PERFECT! DARK AND STILL! A FITTINGLY DRAMATIC SETTING FOR MY DEBUT!
AND, A PROPER NIGHT TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF MY COSTUMED VICTIMS!

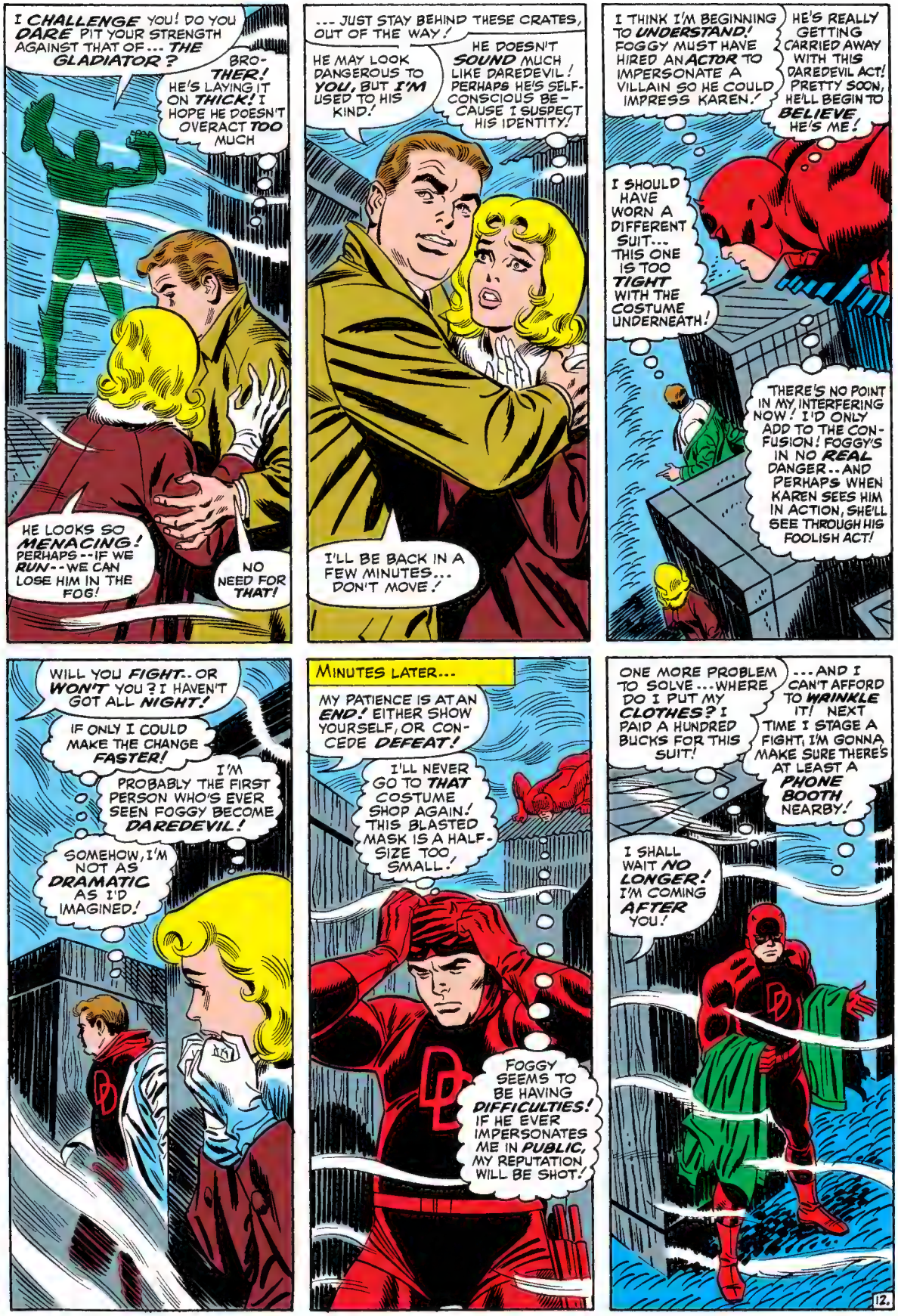

NOW, LET'S REJOIN THE MAN WHOSE DESTINY IS LINKED WITH THE PSYCHOPATHIC COSTUME MAKER...
THE CAB IS SLOWING! I'D BETTER LEAP UP HERE, BEFORE I'M SEEN!
I SMELL SALT WATER, AND THE KIND OF RAW LUMBER USED IN PACKING CRATES! WE MUST BE NEAR THE DOCKS!
NO HUMAN NOISES NEARBY... THE AREA IS DESERTED!
EVEN MATT MURDOCK WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO THINK THAT THE WATER-FRONT IS A SAFE PLACE FOR A DATE!


WITH A PRACTICED SPRING, THE SUPERBLY-CONDITIONED DAREDEVIL BACK-FLIPS TO THE TOP OF THE OVERPASS...
THERE'S NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT WAIT, I GUESS! I ONLY HOPE I CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT FOGGY IS UP TO BEFORE HE GETS HIMSELF IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!


KEEP THE CHANGE, DRIVER! WE WON'T BE NEEDING YOU ANY LONGER!
IT'S SO LONELY... THIS IS AN ODD PLACE TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT... ANY APPOINTMENT!
OKAY, BUB! YOU'RE THE BOSS! BUT I SURE WOULDN'T WANNA HANG AROUND HERE AFTER DARK!
DON'T WORRY, KAREN! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!


SUDDENLY, DAREDEVIL'S UNCANNY HEARING DETECTS A FAINT, METALLIC SCRAPING ...
SOMEONE IS NEXT TO WHAT MUST BE A STEEL SHED... SOMEONE MOVING QUIETLY, TRYING NOT TO BE HEARD!
SO, FOGGY DOES HAVE AN APPOINTMENT! BUT WITH WHOM?
DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, KAREN! YOU KNOW THAT I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU!
WHY DOESN'T THAT GUY HURRY?! I WANNA GET THIS OVER WITH ... IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, I'M LIABLE TO RUN INTO SOME REAL DANGER!

THEN, AN ICY, COMMANDING VOICE SLASHES THROUGH THE STILL NIGHT AIR ...
YOU HAVE COME FAR ENOUGH, SNIVELING COWARD...
FINALLY! I THOUGHT HE'D NEVER SHOW UP!
THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF A MASTER VILLAIN, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN!
FOGGY... BE CAREFUL! PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
STAND BACK, KAREN! I'LL SEE THAT NO HARM COMES TO YOU!
IT'S WORKING! SHE'S GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT ME!


I CHALLENGE YOU! DO YOU DARE PIT YOUR STRENGTH AGAINST THAT OF... THE GLADIATOR?
BROTHER! HE'S LAYING IT ON THICK! I HOPE HE DOESN'T OVERACT TOO MUCH
HE LOOKS SO MENACING! PERHAPS--IF WE RUN--WE CAN LOSE HIM IN THE FOG!
NO NEED FOR THAT!
--- JUST STAY BEHIND THESE CRATES, OUT OF THE WAY!
HE MAY LOOK DANGEROUS TO YOU, BUT I'M USED TO HIS KIND!
HE DOESN'T SOUND MUCH LIKE DAREDEVIL! PERHAPS HE'S SELF-CONSCIOUS BECAUSE I SUSPECT HIS IDENTITY!
I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW MINUTES... DON'T MOVE!
I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND! FOGGY MUST HAVE HIRED AN ACTOR TO IMPERSONATE A VILLAIN SO HE COULD IMPRESS KAREN!
HE'S REALLY GETTING CARRIED AWAY WITH THIS DAREDEVIL ACT! PRETTY SOON, HE'LL BEGIN TO BELIEVE HE'S ME!
I SHOULD HAVE WORN A DIFFERENT SUIT... THIS ONE IS TOO TIGHT WITH THE COSTUME UNDERNEATH!
THERE'S NO POINT IN MY INTERFERING NOW! I'D ONLY ADD TO THE CONFUSION! FOGGY'S IN NO REAL DANGER--AND PERHAPS WHEN KAREN SEES HIM IN ACTION, SHE'LL SEE THROUGH HIS FOOLISH ACT!
WILL YOU FIGHT--OR WON'T YOU? I HAVEN'T GOT ALL NIGHT!
IF ONLY I COULD MAKE THE CHANGE FASTER!
I'M PROBABLY THE FIRST PERSON WHO'S EVER SEEN FOGGY BECOME DAREDEVIL!
SOMEHOW, I'M NOT AS DRAMATIC AS I'D IMAGINED!
MINUTES LATER...
MY PATIENCE IS AT AN END! EITHER SHOW YOURSELF, OR CONCEDE DEFEAT!
I'LL NEVER GO TO THAT COSTUME SHOP AGAIN! THIS BLASTED MASK IS A HALF-SIZE TOO SMALL!
FOGGY SEEMS TO BE HAVING DIFFICULTIES! IF HE EVER IMPERSONATES ME IN PUBLIC, MY REPUTATION WILL BE SHOT!
ONE MORE PROBLEM TO SOLVE...WHERE DO I PUT MY CLOTHES? I PAID A HUNDRED BUCKS FOR THIS SUIT!
...AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO WRINKLE IT! NEXT TIME I STAGE A FIGHT, I'M GONNA MAKE SURE THERE'S AT LEAST A PHONE BOOTH NEARBY!
I SHALL WAIT NO LONGER! I'M COMING AFTER YOU!
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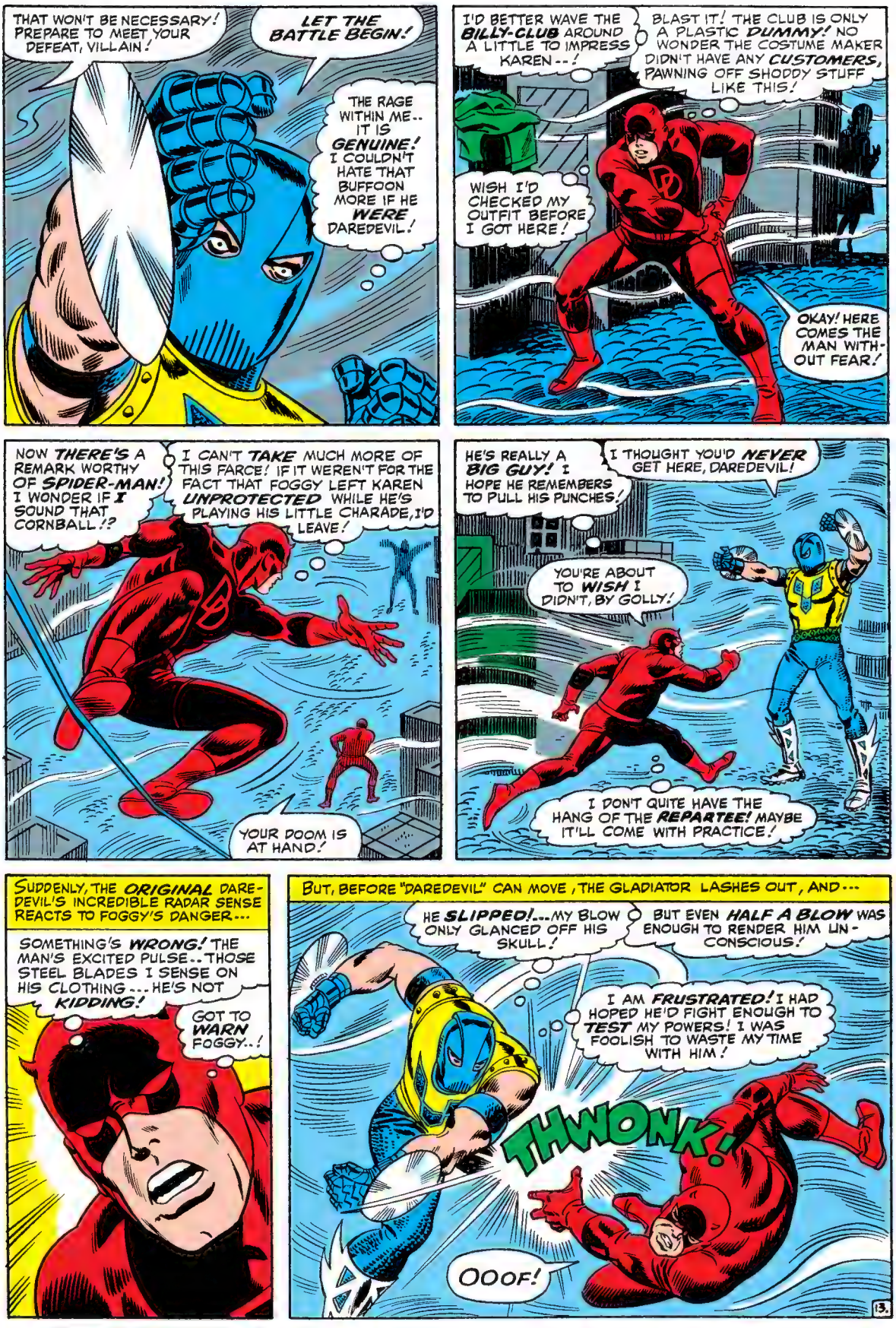
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY! PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DEFEAT, VILLAIN!
LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!
THE RAGE WITHIN ME.. IT IS GENUINE! I COULDN'T HATE THAT BUFFOON MORE IF HE WERE DAREDEVIL!
I'D BETTER WAVE THE BILLY-CLUB AROUND A LITTLE TO IMPRESS KAREN--!
BLAST IT! THE CLUB IS ONLY A PLASTIC DUMMY! NO WONDER THE COSTUME MAKER DIDN'T HAVE ANY CUSTOMERS, PAWNING OFF SHODDY STUFF LIKE THIS!
WISH I'D CHECKED MY OUTFIT BEFORE I GOT HERE!
OKAY! HERE COMES THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
NOW THERE'S A REMARK WORTHY OF SPIDER-MAN! I WONDER IF I SOUND THAT CORNBALL!?
I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS FARCE! IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE FACT THAT FOGGY LEFT KAREN UNPROTECTED WHILE HE'S PLAYING HIS LITTLE CHARADE, I'D LEAVE!
YOUR DOOM IS AT HAND!
HE'S REALLY A BIG GUY! I HOPE HE REMEMBERS TO PULL HIS PUNCHES!
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE, DAREDEVIL!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO WISH I DIDN'T, BY GOLLY!
I DON'T QUITE HAVE THE HANG OF THE REPARTEE! MAYBE IT'LL COME WITH PRACTICE!
SUDDENLY, THE ORIGINAL DAREDEVIL'S INCREDIBLE RADAR SENSE REACTS TO FOGGY'S DANGER...
SOMETHING'S WRONG! THE MAN'S EXCITED PULSE.. THOSE STEEL BLADES I SENSE ON HIS CLOTHING... HE'S NOT KIDDING!
GOT TO WARN FOGGY..!
BUT, BEFORE "DAREDEVIL" CAN MOVE, THE GLADIATOR LASHES OUT, AND...
HE SLIPPED!...MY BLOW ONLY GLANCED OFF HIS SKULL!
BUT EVEN HALF A BLOW WAS ENOUGH TO RENDER HIM UNCONSCIOUS!
I AM FRUSTRATED! I HAD HOPED HE'D FIGHT ENOUGH TO TEST MY POWERS! I WAS FOOLISH TO WASTE MY TIME WITH HIM!
THWONK!
OOOF!
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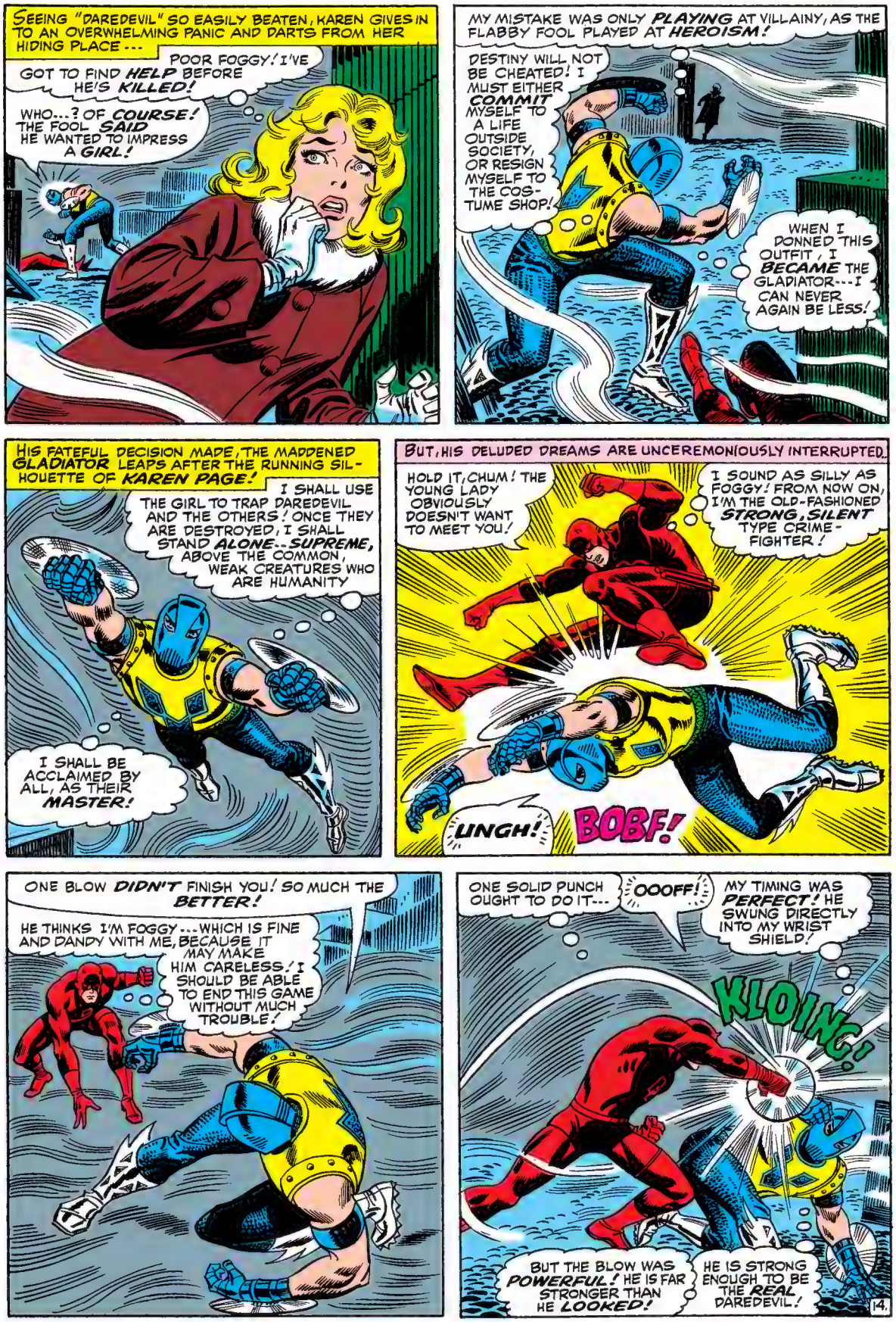
SEEING "DAREDEVIL" SO EASILY BEATEN, KAREN GIVES IN TO AN OVERWHELMING PANIC AND DARTS FROM HER HIDING PLACE ---
POOR FOGGY! I'VE GOT TO FIND HELP BEFORE HE'S KILLED!
WHO...? OF COURSE! THE FOOL SAID HE WANTED TO IMPRESS A GIRL!
MY MISTAKE WAS ONLY PLAYING AT VILLAINY, AS THE FLABBY FOOL PLAYED AT HEROISM!
DESTINY WILL NOT BE CHEATED! I MUST EITHER COMMIT MYSELF TO A LIFE OUTSIDE SOCIETY, OR RESIGN MYSELF TO THE COSTUME SHOP!
WHEN I DONNED THIS OUTFIT, I BECAME THE GLADIATOR---I CAN NEVER AGAIN BE LESS!
HIS FATEFUL DECISION MADE, THE MADDENED GLADIATOR LEAPS AFTER THE RUNNING SILHOUETTE OF KAREN PAGE!
I SHALL USE THE GIRL TO TRAP DAREDEVIL AND THE OTHERS! ONCE THEY ARE DESTROYED, I SHALL STAND ALONE--SUPREME, ABOVE THE COMMON, WEAK CREATURES WHO ARE HUMANITY
I SHALL BE ACCLAIMED BY ALL, AS THEIR MASTER!
BUT, HIS DELUDED DREAMS ARE UNCEREMONIOUSLY INTERRUPTED.
HOLD IT, CHUM! THE YOUNG LADY OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T WANT TO MEET YOU!
I SOUND AS SILLY AS FOGGY! FROM NOW ON, I'M THE OLD-FASHIONED STRONG, SILENT TYPE CRIME-FIGHTER!
UNGH!
BOBF!
ONE BLOW DIDN'T FINISH YOU! SO MUCH THE BETTER!
HE THINKS I'M FOGGY ... WHICH IS FINE AND DANDY WITH ME, BECAUSE IT MAY MAKE HIM CARELESS! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO END THIS GAME WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE!
ONE SOLID PUNCH OUGHT TO DO IT---
OOOFF!
MY TIMING WAS PERFECT! HE SWUNG DIRECTLY INTO MY WRIST SHIELD!
KLOING!
BUT THE BLOW WAS POWERFUL! HE IS FAR STRONGER THAN HE LOOKED!
HE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO BE THE REAL DAREDEVIL!
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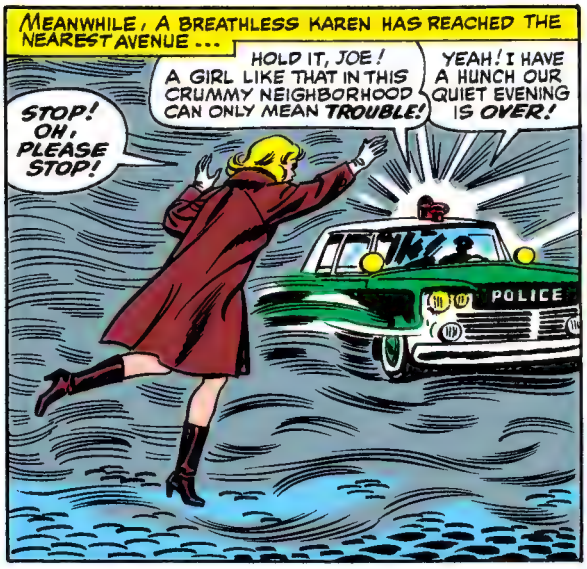
MEANWHILE, A BREATHLESS KAREN HAS REACHED THE NEAREST AVENUE ...
HOLD IT, JOE! A GIRL LIKE THAT IN THIS CRUMMY NEIGHBORHOOD CAN ONLY MEAN TROUBLE!
YEAH! I HAVE A HUNCH OUR QUIET EVENING IS OVER!
STOP! OH, PLEASE STOP!
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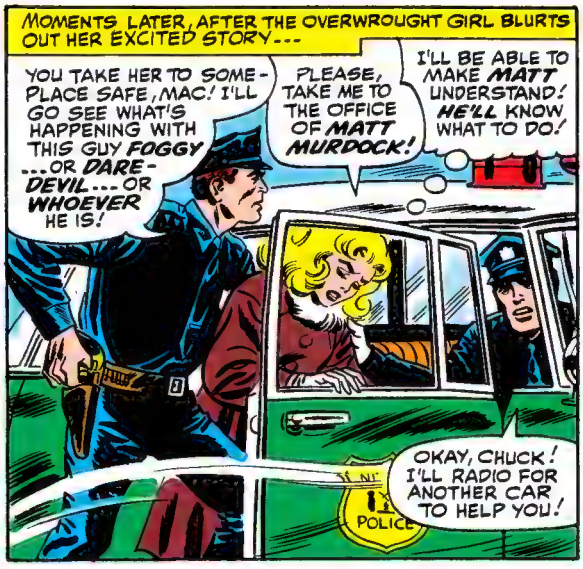
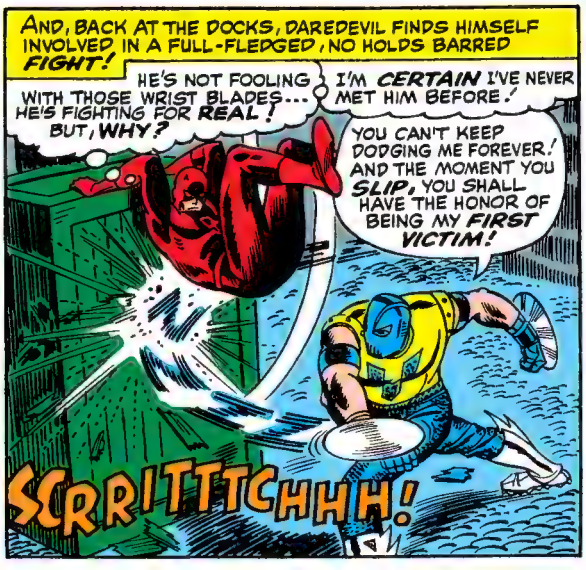
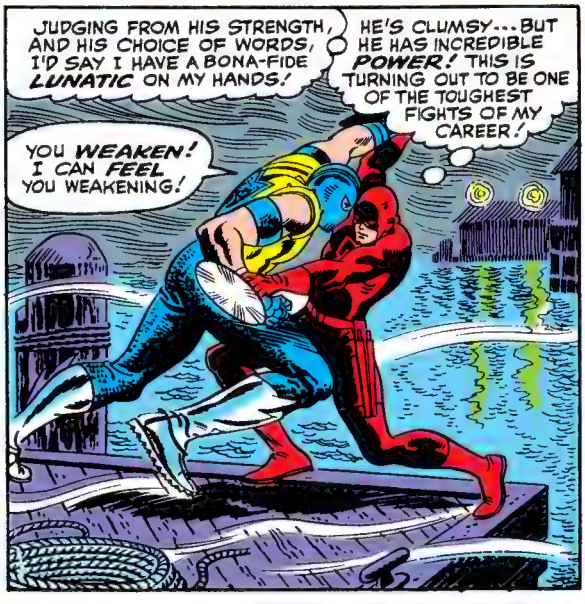
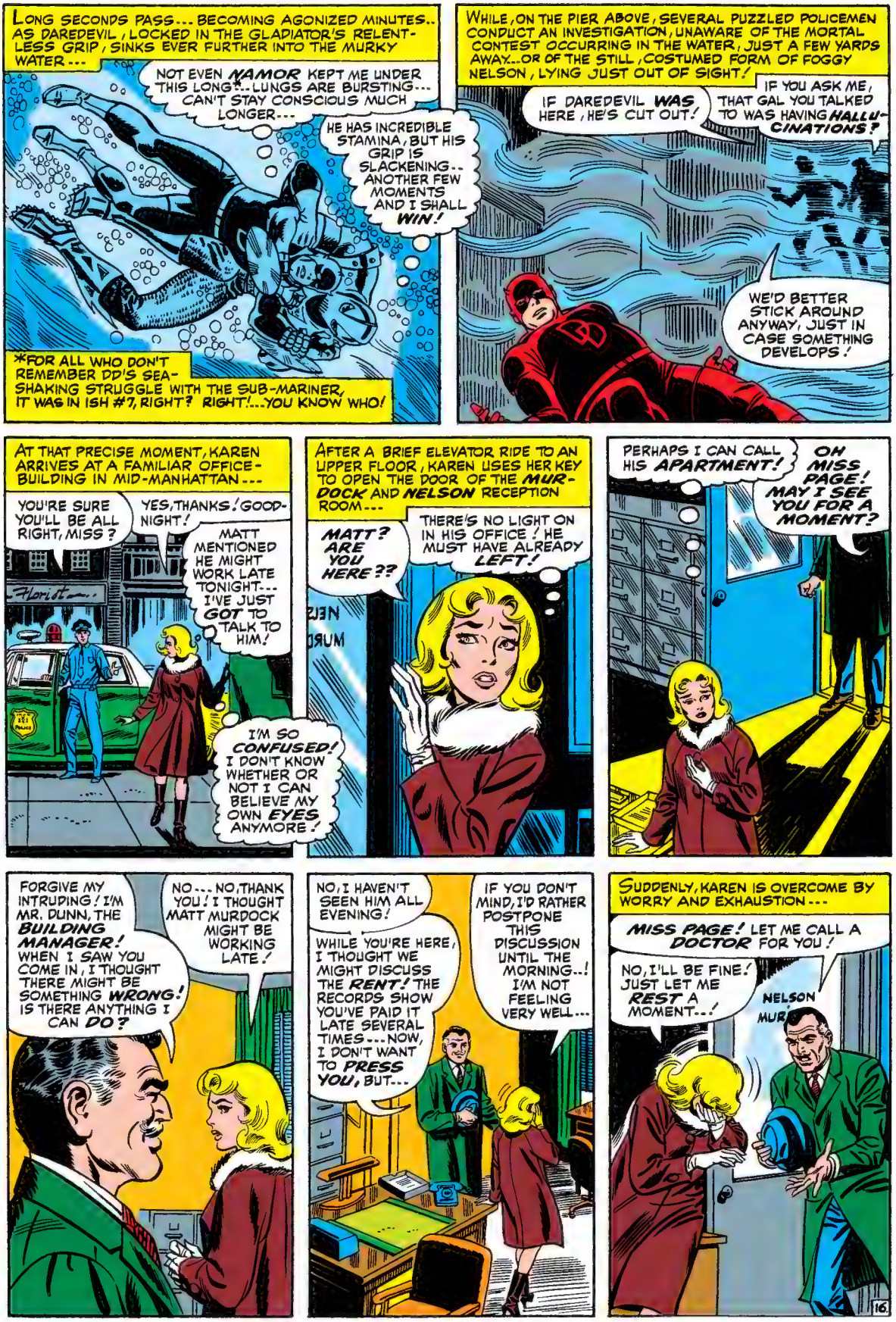

MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE OVERWROUGHT GIRL BLURTS OUT HER EXCITED STORY---
YOU TAKE HER TO SOME-PLACE SAFE, MAC! I'LL GO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THIS GUY FOGGY ...OR DARE-DEVIL... OR WHOEVER HE IS!
PLEASE, TAKE ME TO THE OFFICE OF MATT MURDOCK!
I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE MATT UNDERSTAND! HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO!
OKAY, CHUCK! I'LL RADIO FOR ANOTHER CAR TO HELP YOU!
POLICE


AND, BACK AT THE DOCKS, DAREDEVIL FINDS HIMSELF INVOLVED IN A FULL-FLEDGED, NO HOLDS BARRED FIGHT!
HE'S NOT FOOLING WITH THOSE WRIST BLADES... HE'S FIGHTING FOR REAL! BUT, WHY?
I'M CERTAIN I'VE NEVER MET HIM BEFORE!
YOU CAN'T KEEP DODGING ME FOREVER! AND THE MOMENT YOU SLIP, YOU SHALL HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING MY FIRST VICTIM!
SCRRITTTCHHH!

I'D BETTER CONCENTRATE LESS ON WHO HE IS AND MORE ON HOW I CAN PUT HIM OUT OF ACTION!
OW! THAT WAS NO ORDINARY MASK... MY KICK PROBABLY HURT ME MORE THAN HIM!
STOOMP!
FOOL! WHY DO YOU PROLONG YOUR AGONY? YOU'VE NO CHANCE AGAINST THE GLADIATOR!


JUDGING FROM HIS STRENGTH, AND HIS CHOICE OF WORDS, I'D SAY I HAVE A BONA-FIDE LUNATIC ON MY HANDS!
HE'S CLUMSY... BUT HE HAS INCREDIBLE POWER! THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE ONE OF THE TOUGHEST FIGHTS OF MY CAREER!
YOU WEAKEN! I CAN FEEL YOU WEAKENING!

THEN, THE STRUGGLING PAIR STUMBLE OFF THE PIER...
HE DELIBERATELY FORCED ME INTO THE BAY! WHAT CAN HE HOPE TO GAIN BY FIGHTING UNDERWATER?
I'VE ACTIVATED MY OXYGEN REGENERATOR! NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP HIM SUB-MERGED!


LONG SECONDS PASS... BECOMING AGONIZED MINUTES.. AS DAREDEVIL, LOCKED IN THE GLADIATOR'S RELENTLESS GRIP, SINKS EVER FURTHER INTO THE MURKY WATER...
NOT EVEN NAMOR KEPT ME UNDER THIS LONG!.. LUNGS ARE BURSTING... CAN'T STAY CONSCIOUS MUCH LONGER...
HE HAS INCREDIBLE STAMINA, BUT HIS GRIP IS SLACKENING.. ANOTHER FEW MOMENTS AND I SHALL WIN!
*FOR ALL WHO DON'T REMEMBER DD'S SEA-SHAKING STRUGGLE WITH THE SUB-MARINER, IT WAS IN ISH #7, RIGHT? RIGHT!...YOU KNOW WHO!
WHILE, ON THE PIER ABOVE, SEVERAL PUZZLED POLICEMEN CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, UNAWARE OF THE MORTAL CONTEST OCCURRING IN THE WATER, JUST A FEW YARDS AWAY...OR OF THE STILL, COSTUMED FORM OF FOGGY NELSON, LYING JUST OUT OF SIGHT!
IF DAREDEVIL WAS HERE, HE'S CUT OUT!
IF YOU ASK ME, THAT GAL YOU TALKED TO WAS HAVING HALLUCINATIONS!
WE'D BETTER STICK AROUND ANYWAY, JUST IN CASE SOMETHING DEVELOPS!
AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT, KAREN ARRIVES AT A FAMILIAR OFFICE-BUILDING IN MID-MANHATTAN...
YOU'RE SURE YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, MISS?
YES, THANKS! GOOD-NIGHT!
MATT MENTIONED HE MIGHT WORK LATE TONIGHT... I'VE JUST GOT TO TALK TO HIM!
I'M SO CONFUSED! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT I CAN BELIEVE MY OWN EYES ANYMORE!
AFTER A BRIEF ELEVATOR RIDE TO AN UPPER FLOOR, KAREN USES HER KEY TO OPEN THE DOOR OF THE MURDOCK AND NELSON RECEPTION ROOM...
MATT? ARE YOU HERE??
THERE'S NO LIGHT ON IN HIS OFFICE! HE MUST HAVE ALREADY LEFT!
PERHAPS I CAN CALL HIS APARTMENT!
OH MISS PAGE! MAY I SEE YOU FOR A MOMENT?
FORGIVE MY INTRUDING! I'M MR. DUNN, THE BUILDING MANAGER! WHEN I SAW YOU COME IN, I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING WRONG! IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
NO... NO, THANK YOU! I THOUGHT MATT MURDOCK MIGHT BE WORKING LATE!
NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ALL EVENING!
WHILE YOU'RE HERE, I THOUGHT WE MIGHT DISCUSS THE RENT! THE RECORDS SHOW YOU'VE PAID IT LATE SEVERAL TIMES... NOW, I DON'T WANT TO PRESS YOU, BUT...
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D RATHER POSTPONE THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL THE MORNING..! I'M NOT FEELING VERY WELL...
SUDDENLY, KAREN IS OVERCOME BY WORRY AND EXHAUSTION...
MISS PAGE! LET ME CALL A DOCTOR FOR YOU!
NO, I'LL BE FINE! JUST LET ME REST A MOMENT..!
NELSON
MUR
16.

MEANWHILE, IN THE CHILL WATER OF THE BAY, DAREDEVIL RESORTS TO ONE DESPERATE, FINAL MANEUVER...
GOT TO... MAKE THIS ONE... LOOK REALLY GOOD...!
WATER RESISTANCE SLOWED MY PUNCH... HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO BLOCK IT...!
GGGLUNG
NOW TO GO LIMP-- AND HOPE I CAN FOOL HIM!
HE CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER! THAT BLOW WAS FEEBLE... I BARELY FELT IT!
THEN, THE POWERFUL MUSCLES RELAX, AND THE CRIMSON-CLAD BODY SLIPS SLOWLY AWAY...
AT LAST! HE'S FINISHED! I'VE WON! THE GLADIATOR HAS WON!
A FEW SECONDS LATER...
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YEARS OF CRINGING AND BOWING BEFORE THE WEAKLINGS WHO PATRONIZED MY SHOP, I FINALLY TASTE TRIUMPH!
BUT, I SHALL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW THAT FLABBY FOOL PUT UP SUCH A BATTLE!
THE GIRL HAS FLED, BUT NO MATTER! SHE WAS MERELY A PAWN! THERE ARE OTHER, BETTER MEANS OF PROCLAIMING MYSELF TO THE WORLD!
I CAN THANK NAMOR FOR MY SURVIVAL! AFTER HE DEFEATED ME, I REALIZED HOW HELPLESS I WAS UNDER WATER!
FOR MONTHS, I'VE PRACTICED YOGA BREATHING TECHNIQUES!
AND TONIGHT, WHAT I'VE LEARNED ABOUT CONSERVING BODY OXYGEN PAID OFF!
OKAY, GLADIATOR! IT'S TIME FOR ROUND TWO!
ARRGF!
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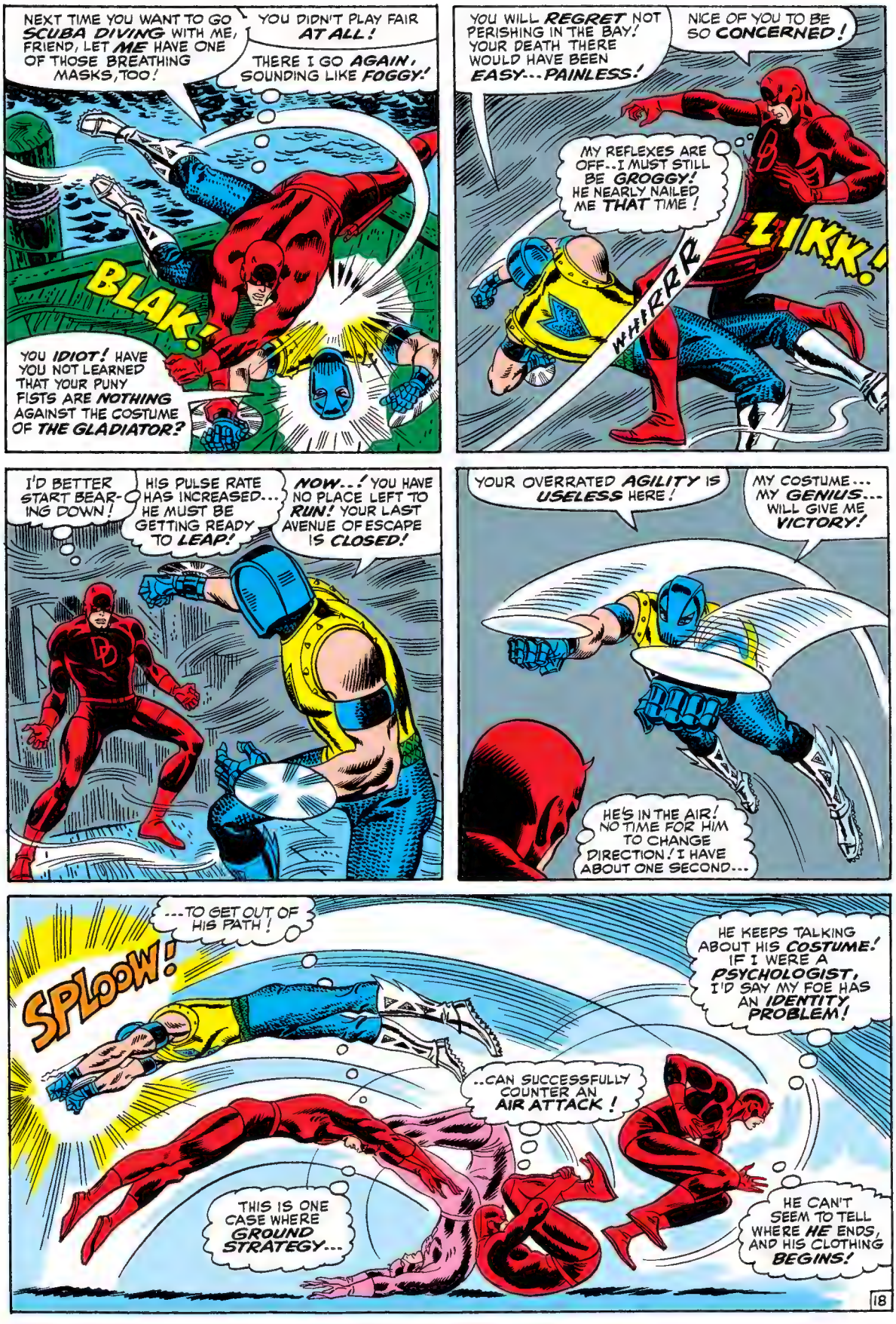
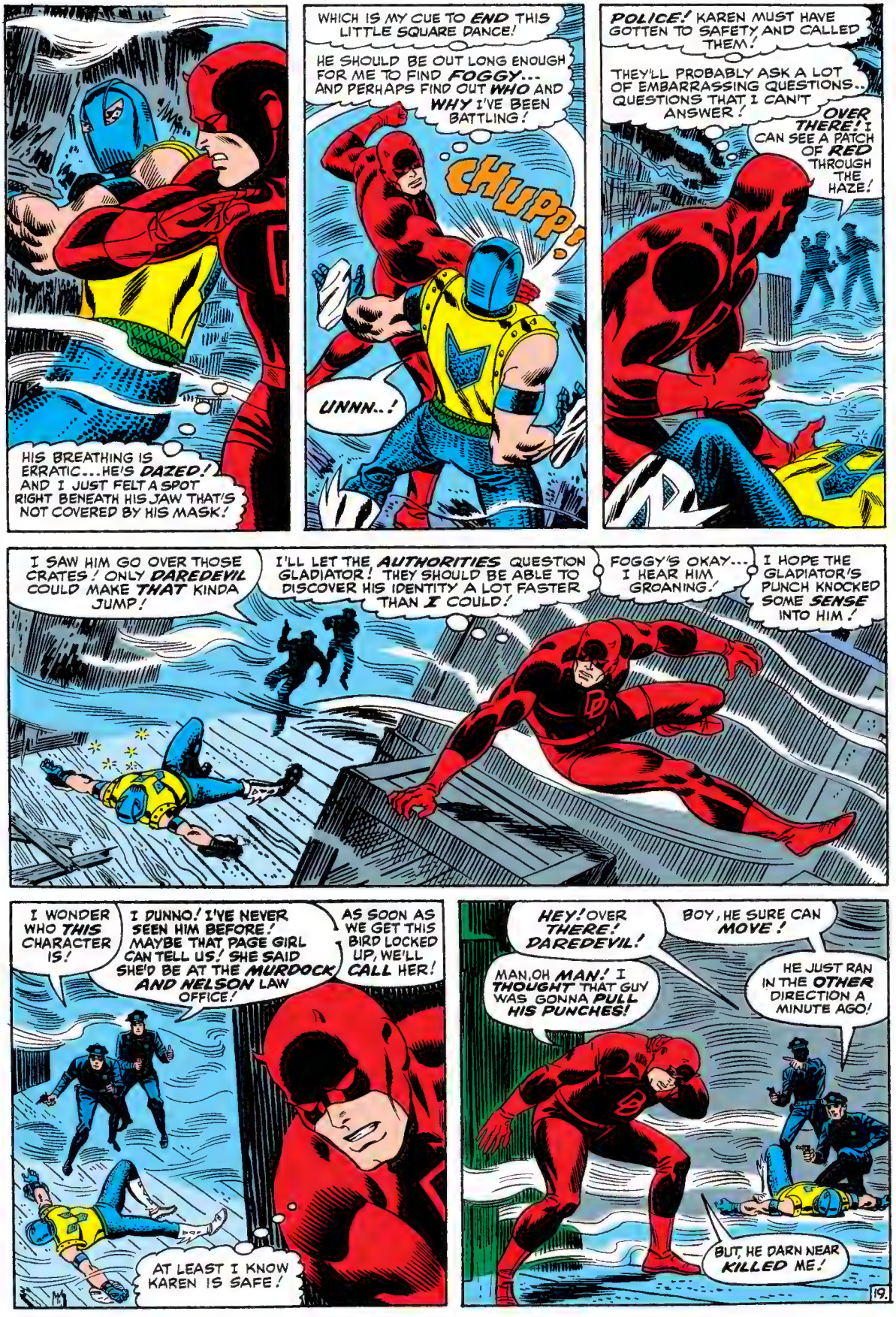

NEXT TIME YOU WANT TO GO SCUBA DIVING WITH ME, FRIEND, LET ME HAVE ONE OF THOSE BREATHING MASKS, TOO!
YOU DIDN'T PLAY FAIR AT ALL!
THERE I GO AGAIN, SOUNDING LIKE FOGGY!
BLAK!
YOU IDIOT! HAVE YOU NOT LEARNED THAT YOUR PUNY FISTS ARE NOTHING AGAINST THE COSTUME OF THE GLADIATOR?
YOU WILL REGRET NOT PERISHING IN THE BAY! YOUR DEATH THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY--- PAINLESS!
NICE OF YOU TO BE SO CONCERNED!
MY REFLEXES ARE OFF--I MUST STILL BE GROGGY! HE NEARLY NAILED ME THAT TIME!
WHIRRR
ZIKK!
I'D BETTER START BEARING DOWN!
HIS PULSE RATE HAS INCREASED... HE MUST BE GETTING READY TO LEAP!
NOW...! YOU HAVE NO PLACE LEFT TO RUN! YOUR LAST AVENUE OF ESCAPE IS CLOSED!
YOUR OVERRATED AGILITY IS USELESS HERE!
MY COSTUME... MY GENIUS... WILL GIVE ME VICTORY!
HE'S IN THE AIR! NO TIME FOR HIM TO CHANGE DIRECTION! I HAVE ABOUT ONE SECOND...
SPLOOW!
...TO GET OUT OF HIS PATH!
HE KEEPS TALKING ABOUT HIS COSTUME! IF I WERE A PSYCHOLOGIST, I'D SAY MY FOE HAS AN IDENTITY PROBLEM!
..CAN SUCCESSFULLY COUNTER AN AIR ATTACK!
THIS IS ONE CASE WHERE GROUND STRATEGY...
HE CAN'T SEEM TO TELL WHERE HE ENDS, AND HIS CLOTHING BEGINS!


HIS BREATHING IS ERRATIC...HE'S DAZED! AND I JUST FELT A SPOT RIGHT BENEATH HIS JAW THAT'S NOT COVERED BY HIS MASK!
WHICH IS MY CUE TO END THIS LITTLE SQUARE DANCE!
HE SHOULD BE OUT LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO FIND FOGGY... AND PERHAPS FIND OUT WHO AND WHY I'VE BEEN BATTLING!
CHUPP!
UNNN..!
POLICE! KAREN MUST HAVE GOTTEN TO SAFETY AND CALLED THEM!
THEY'LL PROBABLY ASK A LOT OF EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS.. QUESTIONS THAT I CAN'T ANSWER!
OVER THERE! I CAN SEE A PATCH OF RED THROUGH THE HAZE!
I SAW HIM GO OVER THOSE CRATES! ONLY DAREDEVIL COULD MAKE THAT KINDA JUMP!
I'LL LET THE AUTHORITIES QUESTION GLADIATOR! THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISCOVER HIS IDENTITY A LOT FASTER THAN I COULD!
FOGGY'S OKAY... I HEAR HIM GROANING!
I HOPE THE GLADIATOR'S PUNCH KNOCKED SOME SENSE INTO HIM!
I WONDER WHO THIS CHARACTER IS!
I DUNNO! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE! MAYBE THAT PAGE GIRL CAN TELL US! SHE SAID SHE'D BE AT THE MURDOCK AND NELSON LAW OFFICE!
AS SOON AS WE GET THIS BIRD LOCKED UP, WE'LL CALL HER!
AT LEAST I KNOW KAREN IS SAFE!
HEY! OVER THERE! DAREDEVIL!
BOY, HE SURE CAN MOVE!
MAN, OH MAN! I THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS GONNA PULL HIS PUNCHES!
HE JUST RAN IN THE OTHER DIRECTION A MINUTE AGO!
BUT, HE DARN NEAR KILLED ME!

WHAT WAS THIS GUY UP TO, DAREDEVIL?
UP TO? UH, I DON'T KNOW!
YOU DON'T KNOW! DO YOU USUALLY CLOBBER PEOPLE FOR NO REASON?
ME? WELL, OF COURSE NOT! I WAS... ON PATROL.. THAT'S IT! AND HE LOOKED SUSPICIOUS!

SAY! I NEVER THOUGHT DAREDEVIL WOULD BE SO FLABBY!
THERE WAS A GIRL! WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
MISS PAGE? SHE'S AT THE OFFICE WHERE SHE WORKS!
YOU SEEM PRETTY MUDDLED, DAREDEVIL! MAYBE YOU OUGHTA GO TAKE A BREATHER!
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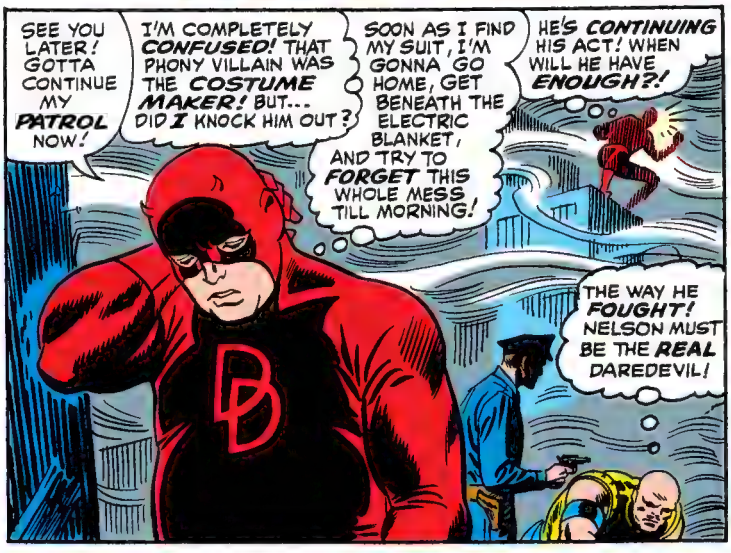
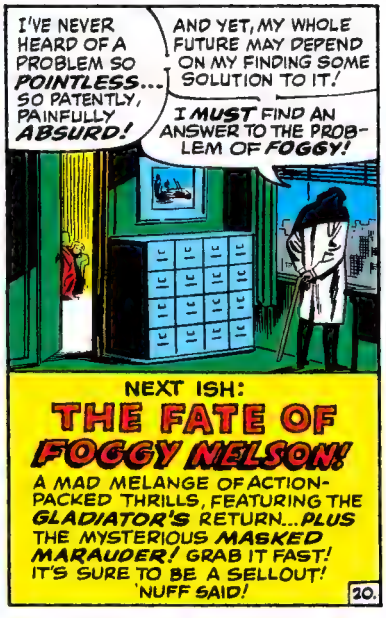

SEE YOU LATER! GOTTA CONTINUE MY PATROL NOW!
I'M COMPLETELY CONFUSED! THAT PHONY VILLAIN WAS THE COSTUME MAKER! BUT... DID I KNOCK HIM OUT?
SOON AS I FIND MY SUIT, I'M GONNA GO HOME, GET BENEATH THE ELECTRIC BLANKET, AND TRY TO FORGET THIS WHOLE MESS TILL MORNING!
HE'S CONTINUING HIS ACT! WHEN WILL HE HAVE ENOUGH?!
THE WAY HE FOUGHT! NELSON MUST BE THE REAL DAREDEVIL!

MAYBE I SHOULD CONFRONT FOGGY, BUT I CAN'T TRUST MYSELF NOT TO LOSE MY TEMPER!
HIS IMPERSONATION OF ME HAS GOTTEN COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND! AT FIRST, I WAS TOUCHED BY HIS PATHETIC ATTEMPTS TO IMPRESS KAREN..

BUT NOW...HE'S GONE TOO FAR! HE'S ENDANGERED HIMSELF AND KAREN.. AND HE'S MADE ME LOOK LIKE THE WORLD'S PRIZE BOOB!
MUCH OF MY EFFECTIVENESS AS A FORCE FOR JUSTICE DEPENDS ON THE RESPECT OF BOTH THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES AND THE UNDERWORLD!
IF FOGGY INSISTS ON MAINTAINING HIS DAREDEVIL ROLE, I'LL BECOME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY!
HIS BLASTED PRIDE WILL JUST HAVE TO SUFFER!
MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT KAREN SAW ENOUGH TONIGHT TO EXPOSE FOGGY'S ABSURD PLAY-ACTING!

VIOLENTLY, ANGRILY, DAREDEVIL SKIMS ACROSS THE SKYLINE, UNTIL HE REACHES HIS OFFICE! THERE, HE ASSUMES HIS OTHER IDENTITY ONCE MORE AND MEETS THE BUILDING MANAGER...
THE DOCTOR SAID MISS PAGE WILL BE ALL RIGHT?
YES...SHE'S OBVIOUSLY SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS FATIGUE! SHE'LL BE GOOD AS NEW IN THE MORNING, I'M SURE!
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE I MIGHT CONTACT MR. NELSON, YOUR PARTNER? I HAVE SOME PERSONAL BUSINESS WITH HIM!
HE'LL PROBABLY BE IN TOMORROW!
WELL, MY BUSINESS WILL WAIT! GOOD NIGHT, MR. MURDOCK!


I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A PROBLEM SO POINTLESS... SO PATENTLY, PAINFULLY ABSURD!
AND YET, MY WHOLE FUTURE MAY DEPEND ON MY FINDING SOME SOLUTION TO IT!
I MUST FIND AN ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF FOGGY!
NEXT ISH:
THE FATE OF FOGGY NELSON!
A MAD MELANGE OF ACTION-PACKED THRILLS, FEATURING THE GLADIATOR'S RETURN...PLUS THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED MARAUDER! GRAB IT FAST! IT'S SURE TO BE A SELLOUT! 'NUFF SAID!

HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
MARVEL COMICS GROUP
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
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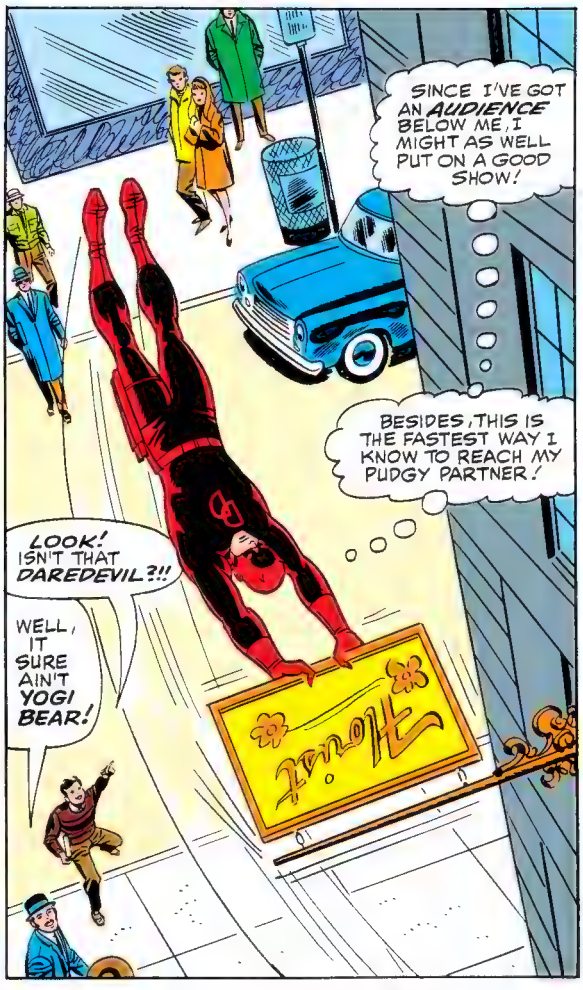
"ALONE.. AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD!"
CO-FEATURING: THE GLADIATOR AND THE MASKED MARAUDER!

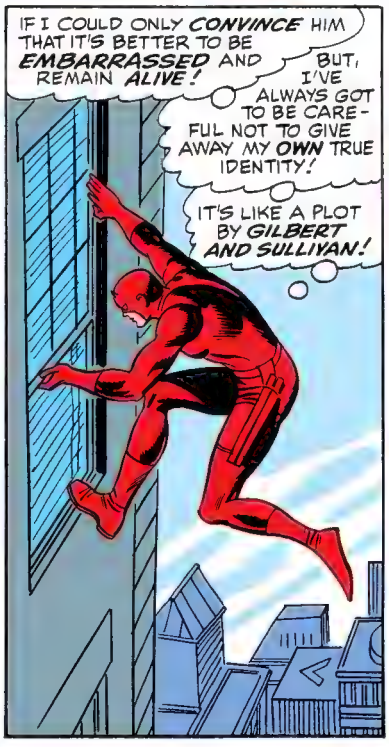
DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"ALONE--AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD!"
FOGGY STILL HASN'T STOPPED PRETENDING TO BE DAREDEVIL IN ORDER TO IMPRESS KAREN!
AND THAT MEANS HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY AND NIGHT!
EVEN NOW, ANY ONE OF MY OLD ENEMIES MAY BE ABOUT TO ATTACK HIM--- THINKING THAT HE'S ME!
I CAN'T SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE GUARDING HIM--- BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO!
THIS TERRIFIC TALE HAS BEEN TESTED (BY US) AND AWARDED THE GOOD MARVELKEEPING SEAL OF APPROVAL!
NUFF SAID
SCRIPT: MASTERFUL STAN LEE
ART: MAGNIFICENT JOHNNY ROMITA
INKS: MELODRAMATIC FRANK GIACOIA
LETTERING: MELANCHOLY SAM ROSEN
(KINDA SHAKES YOU UP, HUH?)

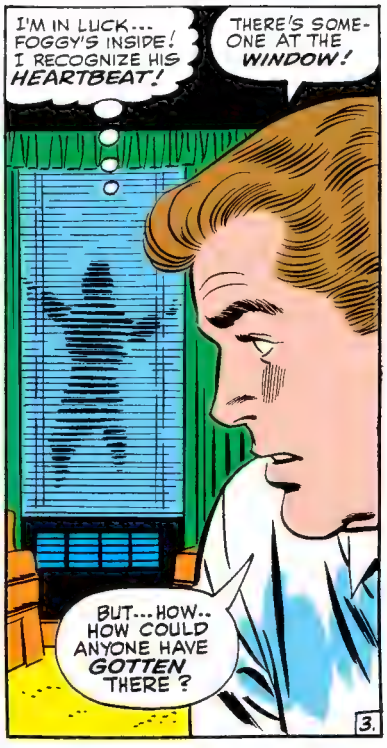
I DON'T KNOW IF HE SAW THIS MORNING'S PAPER YET... BUT I DID!
AND THE HEADLINE I READ CONVINCED ME HE MUSTN'T LEAVE FOR WORK ALONE!
BUT THEN, AS THE SIGHTLESS SWASH-BUCKLER SPEEDS TOWARDS FOGGY NELSON'S APARTMENT IN HIS OWN SOMEWHAT SPECTACULAR MANNER, HIS SUPER-KEEN EARS HEAR THE SOUND OF...
A SCAFFOLDING CABLE... SNAPPED IN TWO!
THERE'S SOMEONE ON IT... CLINGING FOR DEAR LIFE!
HELP! SOMEBODY... HELP...
SKAK!
HE'S SLIPPING! BUT, THERE'S STILL A CHANCE... WITH MY BILLY CLUB...!
DON'T LET GO! I'M COMING TO GET YOU!
CAN'T GET A GOOD GRIP!! FINGERS ACHING!! CAN'T..!!
THWIPPP
HE'S SLIPPING OFF!
..BUT, I CAN HEAR HIS DIRECTION OF FALL!
SO, HERE GOES!
ALLOW US TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT, MARVELITE, IN ORDER TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR HAVING THE RARE GOOD FORTUNE TO BE WITNESSING ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR RESCUES IN THE ANNALS OF SCAFFOLDINGDOM! AND NOW... BACK TO THE FEARLESS ONE..
DAREDEVIL! YOU..YOU CAUGHT ME!
AS ACCURATE A STATEMENT OF FACT AS ANY I'VE EVER HEARD, MY FALLING FRIEND!
2.

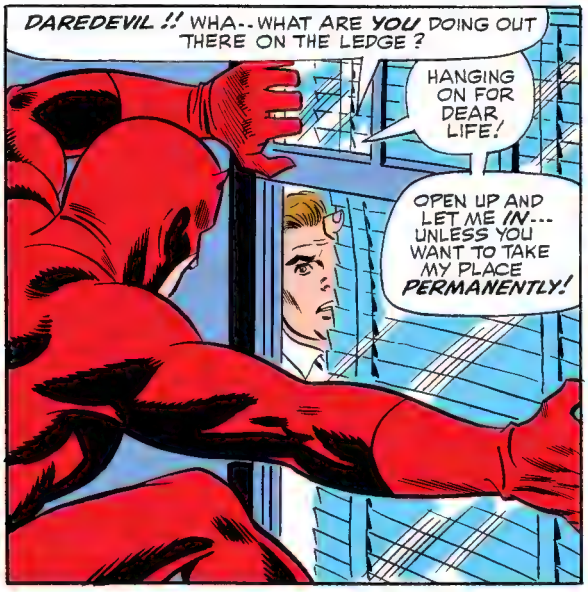
BUT, I CAN'T WAIT AROUND FOR MY PLAUDITS AND ACCOLADES! I'VE STILL GOT TO REACH FOGGY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
WOW! AFTER SEEING HOW EASILY HE RESCUED ME, IT'S NOT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT DAREDEVIL BEAT THE GLADIATOR HANDS DOWN!*
BOY! LOOK AT HIM GO!
* HOPE YOU READ ABOUT IT LAST ISH...I DIDN'T, CAUSE I WAS ON VACATION! SORROWFUL STAN.


SINCE I'VE GOT AN AUDIENCE BELOW ME, I MIGHT AS WELL PUT ON A GOOD SHOW!
BESIDES, THIS IS THE FASTEST WAY I KNOW TO REACH MY PUDGY PARTNER!
LOOK! ISN'T THAT DAREDEVIL?!!
WELL, IT SURE AIN'T YOGI BEAR!
Hotel

IF ONLY FOGGY WOULD CONFESS THAT HE ISN'T REALLY DAREDEVIL!
BUT, I GUESS IT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE! HE'S GONE TOO FAR... IT WOULD BE TOO EMBARRASSING!


IF I COULD ONLY CONVINCE HIM THAT IT'S BETTER TO BE EMBARRASSED AND REMAIN ALIVE!
BUT, I'VE ALWAYS GOT TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE AWAY MY OWN TRUE IDENTITY!
IT'S LIKE A PLOT BY GILBERT AND SULLIYAN!


I'M IN LUCK... FOGGY'S INSIDE! I RECOGNIZE HIS HEARTBEAT!
THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE WINDOW!
BUT... HOW.. HOW COULD ANYONE HAVE GOTTEN THERE?

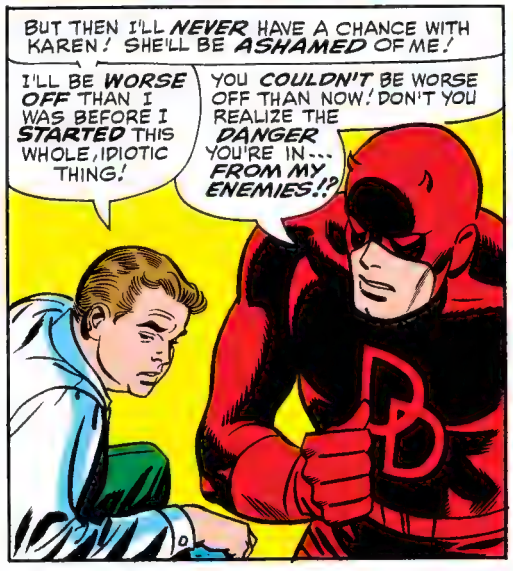

DAREDEVIL !! WHA--WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT THERE ON THE LEDGE ?
HANGING ON FOR DEAR LIFE!
OPEN UP AND LET ME IN--- UNLESS YOU WANT TO TAKE MY PLACE PERMANENTLY!

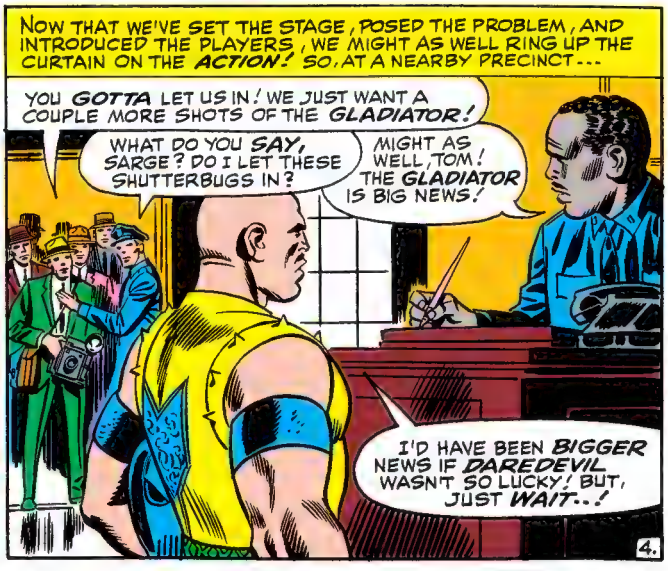
I GUESS YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IMPERSONATING YOU! BUT I DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM!
ISN'T THAT WHAT NERO SAID AFTER THE BUCKET BRIGADE SHOWED UP?
WHY DIDN'T YOU PRETEND TO BE SOUPY SALES, INSTEAD?

ANYWAY, I DIDN'T COME HERE TO SWAP REPARTEE WITH YOU! DID YOU SEE THIS MORNING'S PAPER?
THE PAPER? NO--I HAVEN'T OPENED IT YET!
THEN THIS IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY, DAD!

I'VE GOT ENOUGH ON MY MIND, WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT SOME NEWS ITEM THAT--- OH NO!
IT'S ABOUT ME! N-NOW THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW!
Daily Bugle
PROMINENT ATTORNEY SAID TO BE DAREDEVIL
FRANKLIN NELSON UNMASKED BY GLADIATOR

I-I STARTED THE WHOLE THING AS A GAG--- A HARMLESS PRANK--- JUST TO MAKE MYSELF SEEM GLAMOROUS TO KAREN PAGE!
BUT, IT'S GONE TOO FAR! HOW DO I STOP IT?? WHAT DO I DO??
YOU'VE GOT TO CONFESS THAT IT WAS A HOAX!

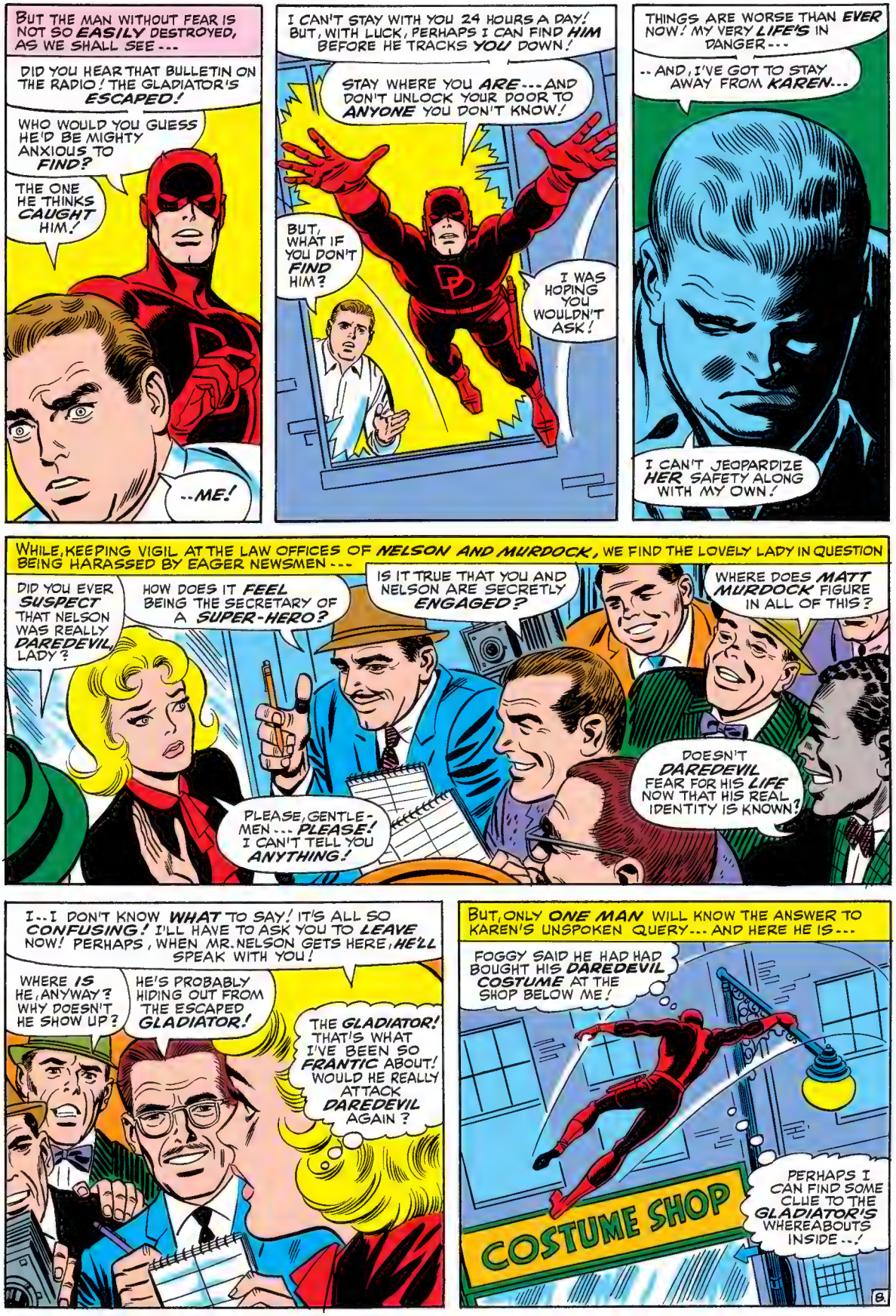

BUT THEN I'LL NEVER HAVE A CHANCE WITH KAREN! SHE'LL BE ASHAMED OF ME!
I'LL BE WORSE OFF THAN I WAS BEFORE I STARTED THIS WHOLE, IDIOTIC THING!
YOU COULDN'T BE WORSE OFF THAN NOW! DON'T YOU REALIZE THE DANGER YOU'RE IN--- FROM MY ENEMIES!?


NOW THAT WE'VE SET THE STAGE, POSED THE PROBLEM, AND INTRODUCED THE PLAYERS, WE MIGHT AS WELL RING UP THE CURTAIN ON THE ACTION! SO, AT A NEARBY PRECINCT---
YOU GOTTA LET US IN! WE JUST WANT A COUPLE MORE SHOTS OF THE GLADIATOR!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, SARGE? DO I LET THESE SHUTTERBUGS IN?
MIGHT AS WELL, TOM! THE GLADIATOR IS BIG NEWS!
I'D HAVE BEEN BIGGER NEWS IF DAREDEVIL WASN'T SO LUCKY! BUT, JUST WAIT..!

THIS IS GREAT, SARGE! WE APPRECIATE THE BREAK!
CAN WE JUST HAVE ONE WITH THAT HELMET ON? OUR CITY EDITOR'LL LOVE IT!
QUICK...PUT YOUR HELMET ON! IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! HURRY!
I DON'T GET IT... BUT, WHAT CAN I LOSE?
SUDDENLY, THE VERY SECOND THAT THE GLADIATOR IS HELMETED ONCE MORE, THE BUSTLING "REPORTERS" WHIP OUT PLIABLE GAS MASKS, AND THEN...EVERYTHING SEEMS TO HAPPEN AT ONCE...
OKAY...HIS HELMET'LL PROTECT HIM! LET'S GO!
THE KIND OF PICTURES WE'RE GONNA SHOOT WON'T GET INTO ANY PAPERS!
LET 'EM HAVE IT!
THOSE CAMERAS WERE PHONIES! THEY'RE SHOOTING TEAR GAS OUT OF THEM!
BUT... WHAT ARE THEY AFTER? AND-- WHO ARE THEY?
WHROOSH!
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, GLADIATOR! WE'RE GETTIN' YOU OUT OF HERE!
I DON'T NEED A WRITTEN INVITATION! I'VE GOT A MIGHTY BIG SCORE TO SETTLE ON THE OUTSIDE!
CRACKK!
THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED OFFICERS CAN RECOVER FROM THE BLINDING, STINGING GAS ATTACK...
WHO SENT YOU GUYS? I DIDN'T KNOW I HAD A GUARDIAN ANGEL WORRYIN' ABOUT ME!
YOU'LL FIND OUT LATER! FIRST, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OF CARS WAITING AT THE CURB! LET'S MOVE!
5.

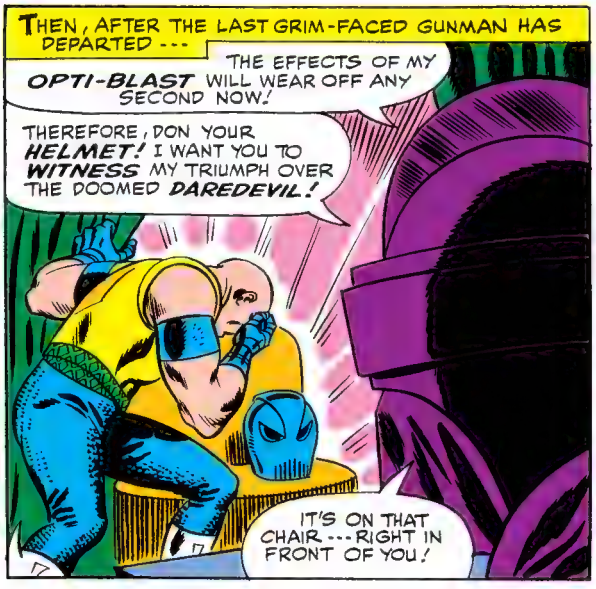
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? THE BOSS DON'T LIKE TO BE KEPT WAITING!
I STOPPED FOR A PIZZA ON THE WAY OUT! GOT ANY MORE DUMB QUESTIONS YOU WANNA ASK!
WATCH WHAT YOU SAY TO HIM, YOU FOOL! WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE WITH A BRUISER LIKE THE GLADIATOR!
HOP IN, BIG MAN! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!
OKAY... NOW THAT I'M HERE, WHAT'S THE ANGLE? NOBODY RISKS THEIR NECK TO SAVE A STRANGER... UNLESS THEY WANT SOMETHING!
YOU GUYS GONNA START TALKIN', OR DO I START LEANIN' ON YOU?
SIMMER DOWN, GLADIATOR... WE'RE JUST FOLLOWIN' ORDERS... THAT'S ALL!
THE BOSS WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
THE BOSS, HUH? MISTER, WHERE I GO, THERE'S ONLY ONE BOSS... AND THAT'S THE GLADIATOR!
THAT SO? LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GONNA GET MIGHTY INTERESTING!
MINUTES LATER, THE SPEEDING VEHICLES SWERVE INTO WHAT SEEMS TO BE A DESERTED WAREHOUSE, ON THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN...
SCREEEEEE
AWRIGHT... THIS IS AS FAR AS I GO... TILL I FIND OUT WHO'S CALLIN' THE SIGNALS AROUND HERE!
YOU'LL LEARN THAT SOON ENOUGH! JUST KEEP WALKIN'!
BOSS.. SHOW YOURSELF! HE'S GETTIN' MEAN!
YOU'RE BLAMED RIGHT I'M GETTIN' MEAN!
WATCH IT!
NOBODY PUSHES THE GLADIATOR AROUND, HEAR? NOBODY!
BEHIND ME... I HEARD SOME DRAPES DRAWING OPEN..! THERE'S SOMEONE STANDING THERE..!
PATIENCE, GLADIATOR.. PATIENCE!
DON'T WASTE YOUR STRENGTH IN PROFITLESS BATTLE NOW..
FOR, YOU SHALL SOON HAVE NEED OF IT... IN THE SERVICE OF THE MASKED MARAUDER!
6.

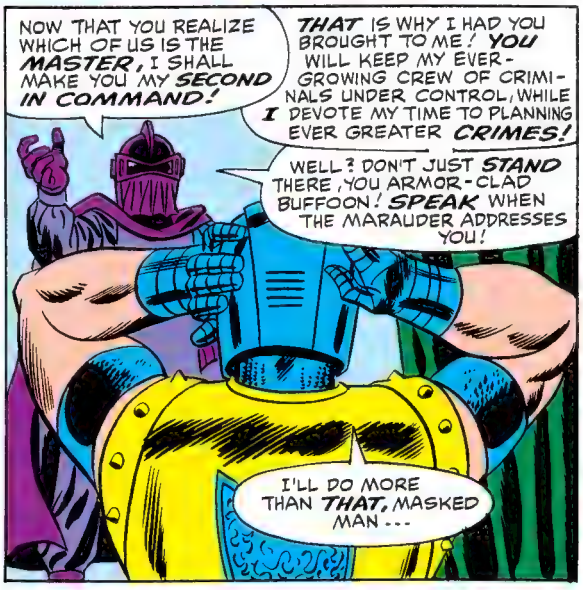
THE MASKED MARAUDER! SO-- YOU'RE THE TOP DOG AROUND HERE, HUH?
QUITE RIGHT, MY IMPULSIVE FRIEND! I, TOO, HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH DAREDEVIL --- ALIAS MR. FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON --- AND YOU SHALL HELP ME!
AND, UNDER MY LEADERSHIP, YOU WILL NOT BE DEFEATED BY HIM AGAIN!
YOU SWELL-HEADED MASKED BABOON! WHAT MAKES YOU SO GREAT?
DAREDEVIL MANAGED TO PUT THE SKIDS UNDER YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T HE?
IT WAS MERELY A TEMPORARY REVERSAL! YOU WILL NOTICE THAT I WAS NOT DRAGGED TO A POLICE STATION AS IGNOMINIOUSLY AS YOU!
THAT DOES IT!
NO ONE CAN GET AWAY WITH PUTTIN' ME DOWN!
DAREDEVIL ONLY BEAT ME BY ACCIDENT! BUT YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE THAT LUCKY!
BOOM!
LUCK? WHAT DO I NEED WITH LUCK?
COMPARED TO ME --- YOU'RE AS POWERLESS AS A SHARK ON DRY LAND!
ONE SIMPLE BURST OF MY POTENT OPTI-BLAST WILL SHOW YOU HOW UNBEATABLE THE MARAUDER IS!
ZHT!
THE STUNNING, STAGGERING EFFECT WILL WEAR OFF WITHIN A FEW MINUTES --- FOR I HAVE ONLY GIVEN YOU A MILD APPLICATION OF MY POWER!
THEN, WHEN YOU HAVE RECOVERED --- I SHALL TELL YOU HOW DAREDEVIL IS TO BE DESTROYED!

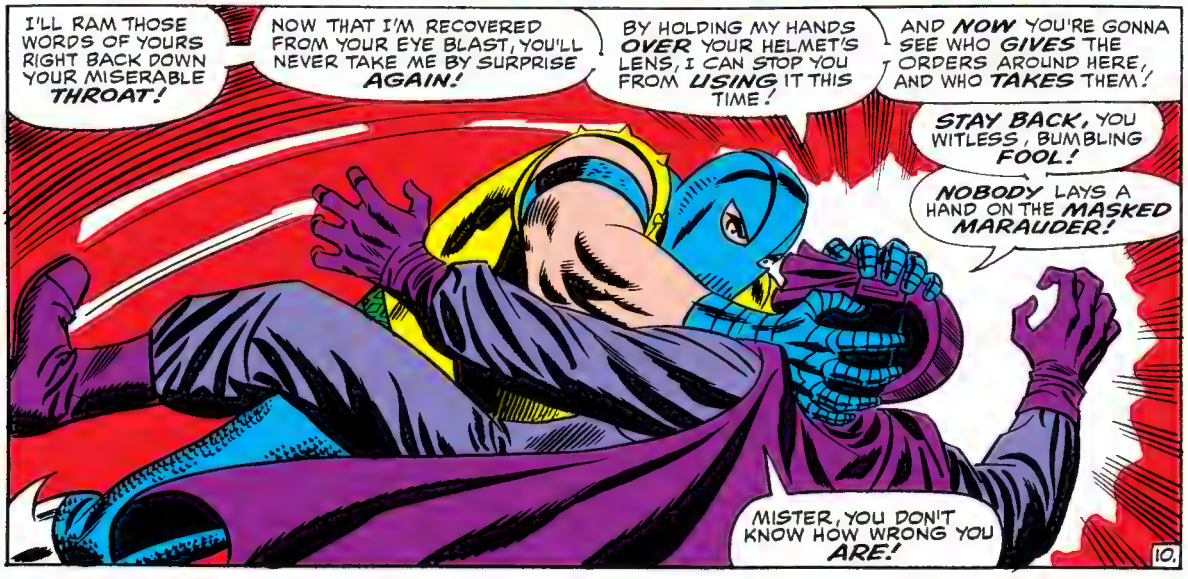

BUT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR IS NOT SO EASILY DESTROYED, AS WE SHALL SEE ---
DID YOU HEAR THAT BULLETIN ON THE RADIO! THE GLADIATOR'S ESCAPED!
WHO WOULD YOU GUESS HE'D BE MIGHTY ANXIOUS TO FIND?
THE ONE HE THINKS CAUGHT HIM!
--ME!
I CAN'T STAY WITH YOU 24 HOURS A DAY! BUT, WITH LUCK, PERHAPS I CAN FIND HIM BEFORE HE TRACKS YOU DOWN!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE---AND DON'T UNLOCK YOUR DOOR TO ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW!
BUT, WHAT IF YOU DON'T FIND HIM?
I WAS HOPING YOU WOULDN'T ASK!
THINGS ARE WORSE THAN EVER NOW! MY VERY LIFE'S IN DANGER---
--AND, I'VE GOT TO STAY AWAY FROM KAREN...
I CAN'T JEOPARDIZE HER SAFETY ALONG WITH MY OWN!
WHILE, KEEPING VIGIL AT THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WE FIND THE LOVELY LADY IN QUESTION BEING HARASSED BY EAGER NEWSMEN ---
DID YOU EVER SUSPECT THAT NELSON WAS REALLY DAREDEVIL, LADY?
HOW DOES IT FEEL BEING THE SECRETARY OF A SUPER-HERO?
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU AND NELSON ARE SECRETLY ENGAGED?
WHERE DOES MATT MURDOCK FIGURE IN ALL OF THIS?
DOESN'T DAREDEVIL FEAR FOR HIS LIFE NOW THAT HIS REAL IDENTITY IS KNOWN?
PLEASE, GENTLEMEN --- PLEASE! I CAN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING!
I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! IT'S ALL SO CONFUSING! I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE NOW! PERHAPS, WHEN MR. NELSON GETS HERE, HE'LL SPEAK WITH YOU!
WHERE IS HE, ANYWAY? WHY DOESN'T HE SHOW UP?
HE'S PROBABLY HIDING OUT FROM THE ESCAPED GLADIATOR!
THE GLADIATOR! THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SO FRANTIC ABOUT! WOULD HE REALLY ATTACK DAREDEVIL AGAIN?
BUT, ONLY ONE MAN WILL KNOW THE ANSWER TO KAREN'S UNSPOKEN QUERY--- AND HERE HE IS---
FOGGY SAID HE HAD HAD BOUGHT HIS DAREDEVIL COSTUME AT THE SHOP BELOW ME!
COSTUME SHOP
PERHAPS I CAN FIND SOME CLUE TO THE GLADIATOR'S WHEREABOUTS INSIDE--!
8.

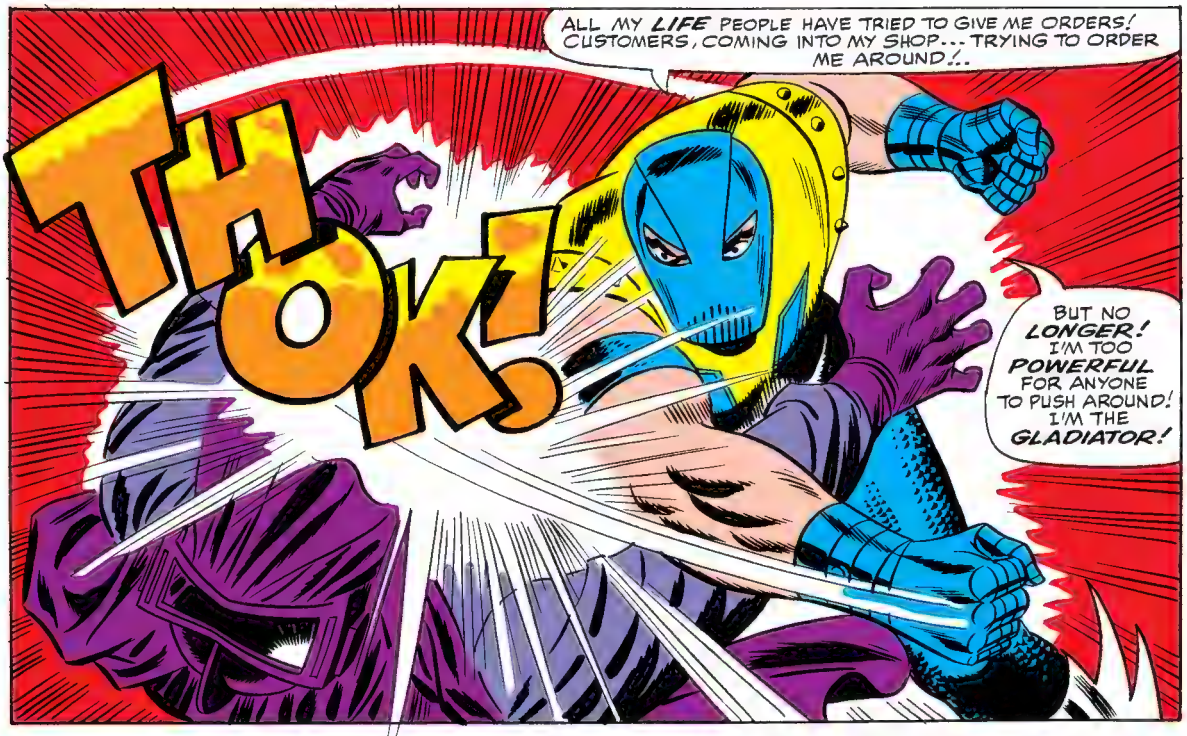
NO SOUNDS FROM BEHIND THE DOOR... NOT EVEN A HEARTBEAT! THE STORE IS EMPTY!
BUT, A LOCKED DOOR CAN'T KEEP DAREDEVIL OUT--- NOT WHILE I CARRY A FLEXIBLE METAL PRONG IN MY GLOVE!
BETWEEN MY SUPER-SENSITIVE TOUCH, AND MY HYPER-KEEN HEARING, PICKING A LOCK IS CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME!
THE SOUNDS OF FALLING TUMBLERS SEEM AS SHARP AS THUNDERCLAPS!
CLICK
CLICK
THEN, SECONDS LATER---
NOW THAT I'M IN HERE, I'M STILL NOWHERE!
ALL MY RADAR SENSE REVEALS IS A GROUP OF COSTUMED WAX FIGURES!
PERHAPS IF I INSPECT THE WORKROOM---
LOOKS LIKE A DEAD END! I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE THAN I DID BEFORE!
I KNOW THE COSTUME MAKER IS THE GLADIATOR HIMSELF! I KNOW THAT SOMEONE HELPED HIM ESCAPE FROM THE POLICE STATION!
BUT, I DON'T KNOW, WHO-- OR WHY! I ONLY KNOW IT ALL ADDS UP TO DANGER!
AND, SPEAKING OF DANGER---LET'S NOW RETURN TO WHERE IT'S HATCHING---
NOW THAT OUR BRIEF INTERRUPTION HAS ENDED, LET US RETURN TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND!
YOU ALL KNOW WHY I'VE SUMMONED YOU--- AND WHAT YOUR MISSION IS!
NOW THAT WE KNOW THE TRUE IDENTITY OF DAREDEVIL--YOU ARE TO HUNT HIM DOWN AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT HE NEVER INTERFERES WITH US AGAIN!
IN THE PAST, I WAS SERVED BY MY OWN COSTUMED HIRELINGS--BUT, THEY WERE CARELESS---INCOMPETENT--- AND THEY HAVE PAID THE PRICE!
HOWEVER, YOU ARE THE CREAM OF THE UNDERWORLD! ONCE DAREDEVIL IS DESTROYED, YOU WILL FORM MY OWN ELITE CRIME CORPS---AND TOGETHER WE SHALL BUILD THE GREATEST EMPIRE OF CRIME THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN!
THOSE WHO SERVE ME FAITHFULLY SHALL BE REWARDED BEYOND THEIR WILDEST DREAMS! BUT, THOSE WHO FAIL, SHALL FEEL THE FULL FURY OF THE MASKED MARAUDER---AND THE FULL BRUNT OF MY MIGHTY OPTI-BLAST!

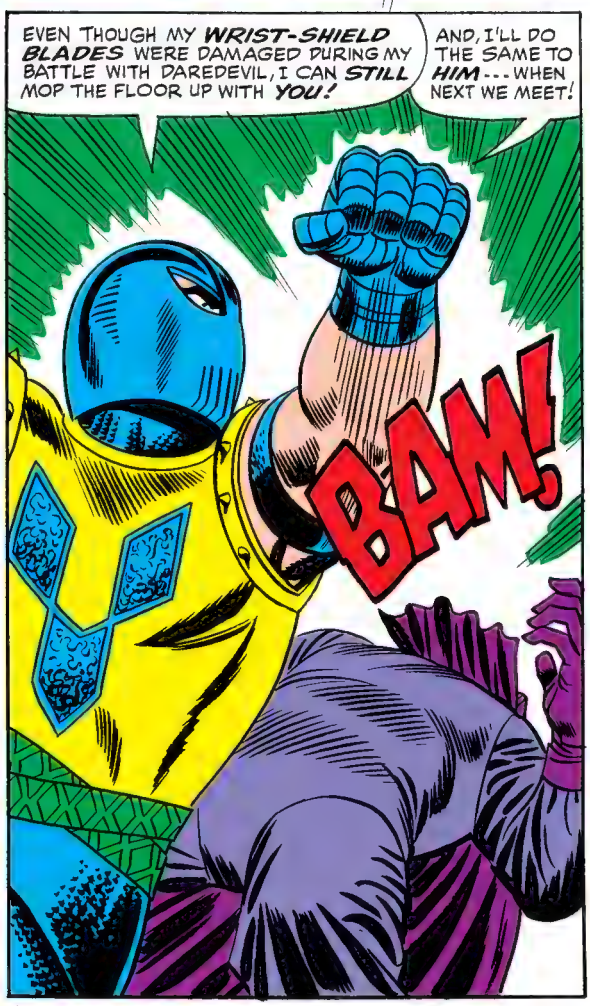
NOW, TO THE APARTMENT OF FRANKLIN NELSON..., ALL OF YOU!... BUT, TAKE NO UNNECESSARY CHANCES!
REMEMBER, NOW THAT DAREDEVIL'S IDENTITY IS EXPOSED, HE'LL BE EXPECTING AN ATTACK...
AND, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR IS A DEADLY DANGER SO LONG AS HE LIVES!
MEBBE SO, BOSS... BUT THAT AIN'T GONNA BE TOO LONG...NOT ONCE WE GET OUR PAWS ON 'IM!
ONE MORE THING...ONCE YOU HAVE HIM HELPLESS, LEAVE HIM FOR ME! THE MASKED MARAUDER MUST HAVE THE HONOR OF ACTUALLY FINISHING HIM!
OKAY... BUT DON'T KEEP US WAITIN' TOO LONG! ME AND THE BOYS GET KINDA IMPATIENT AFTER A WHILE!

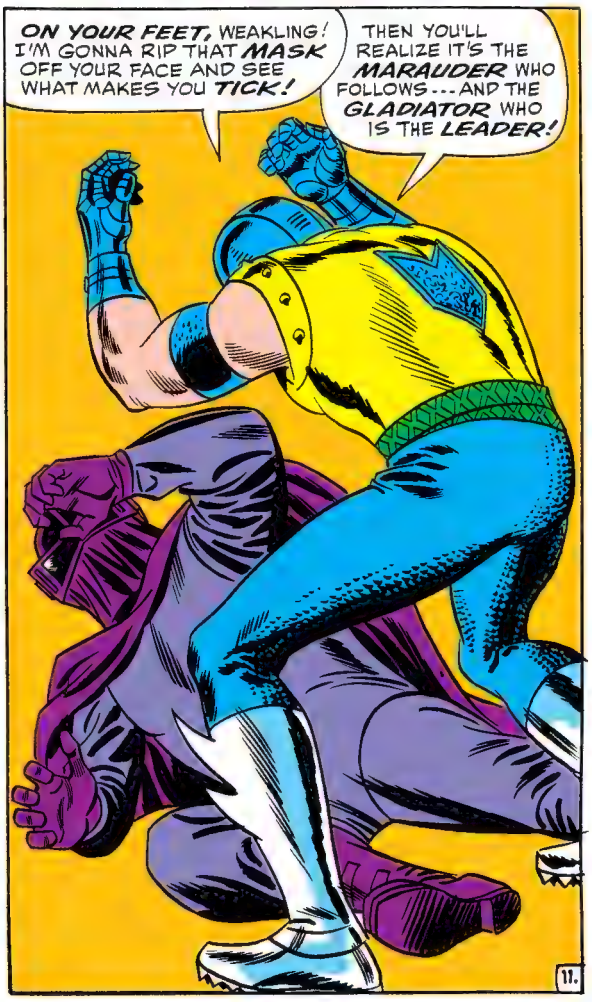

THEN, AFTER THE LAST GRIM-FACED GUNMAN HAS DEPARTED...
THE EFFECTS OF MY OPTI-BLAST WILL WEAR OFF ANY SECOND NOW!
THEREFORE, DON YOUR HELMET! I WANT YOU TO WITNESS MY TRIUMPH OVER THE DOOMED DAREDEVIL!
IT'S ON THAT CHAIR...RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!

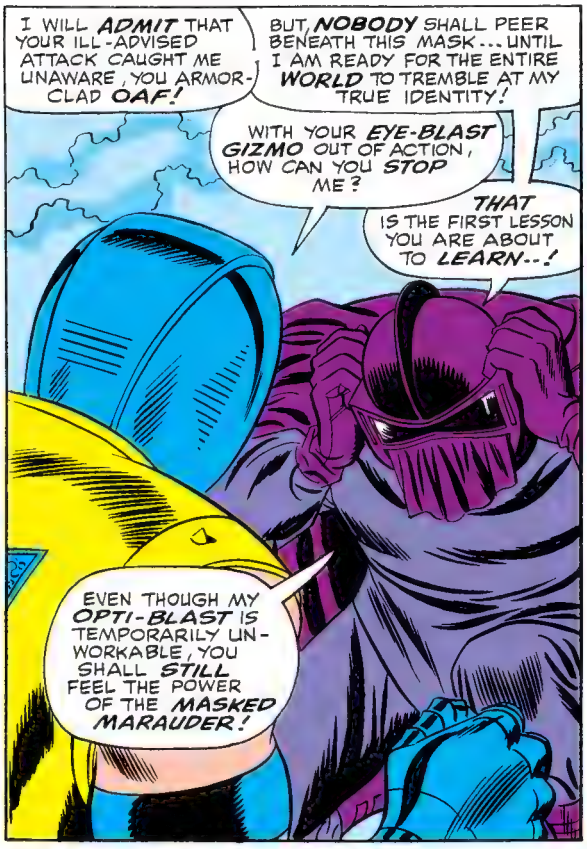

NOW THAT YOU REALIZE WHICH OF US IS THE MASTER, I SHALL MAKE YOU MY SECOND IN COMMAND!
THAT IS WHY I HAD YOU BROUGHT TO ME! YOU WILL KEEP MY EVER-GROWING CREW OF CRIMINALS UNDER CONTROL, WHILE I DEVOTE MY TIME TO PLANNING EVER GREATER CRIMES!
WELL? DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU ARMOR-CLAD BUFFOON! SPEAK WHEN THE MARAUDER ADDRESSES YOU!
I'LL DO MORE THAN THAT, MASKED MAN...


I'LL RAM THOSE WORDS OF YOURS RIGHT BACK DOWN YOUR MISERABLE THROAT!
NOW THAT I'M RECOVERED FROM YOUR EYE BLAST, YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME BY SURPRISE AGAIN!
BY HOLDING MY HANDS OVER YOUR HELMET'S LENS, I CAN STOP YOU FROM USING IT THIS TIME!
AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA SEE WHO GIVES THE ORDERS AROUND HERE, AND WHO TAKES THEM!
STAY BACK, YOU WITLESS, BUMBLING FOOL!
NOBODY LAYS A HAND ON THE MASKED MARAUDER!
MISTER, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW WRONG YOU ARE!


ALL MY LIFE PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO GIVE ME ORDERS! CUSTOMERS, COMING INTO MY SHOP--- TRYING TO ORDER ME AROUND!..
THOK!
BUT NO LONGER! I'M TOO POWERFUL FOR ANYONE TO PUSH AROUND! I'M THE GLADIATOR!

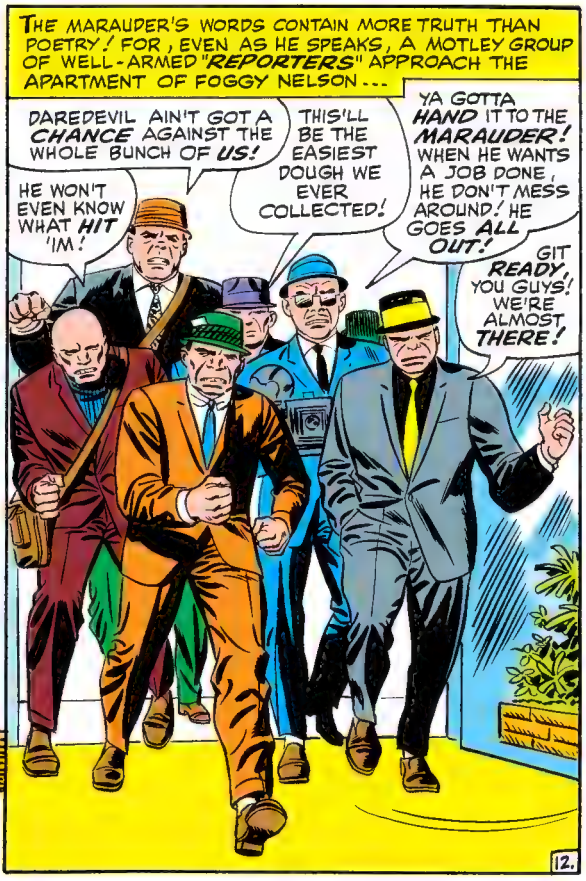

EVEN THOUGH MY WRIST-SHIELD BLADES WERE DAMAGED DURING MY BATTLE WITH DAREDEVIL, I CAN STILL MOP THE FLOOR UP WITH YOU!
AND, I'LL DO THE SAME TO HIM--- WHEN NEXT WE MEET!
BAM!

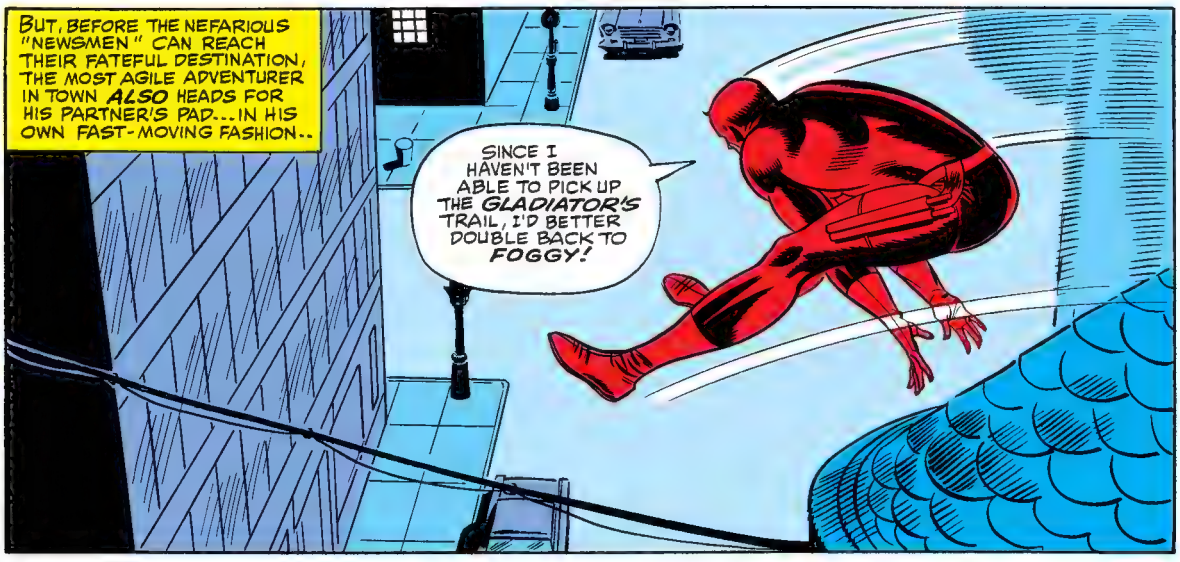

ON YOUR FEET, WEAKLING! I'M GONNA RIP THAT MASK OFF YOUR FACE AND SEE WHAT MAKES YOU TICK!
THEN YOU'LL REALIZE IT'S THE MARAUDER WHO FOLLOWS--- AND THE GLADIATOR WHO IS THE LEADER!

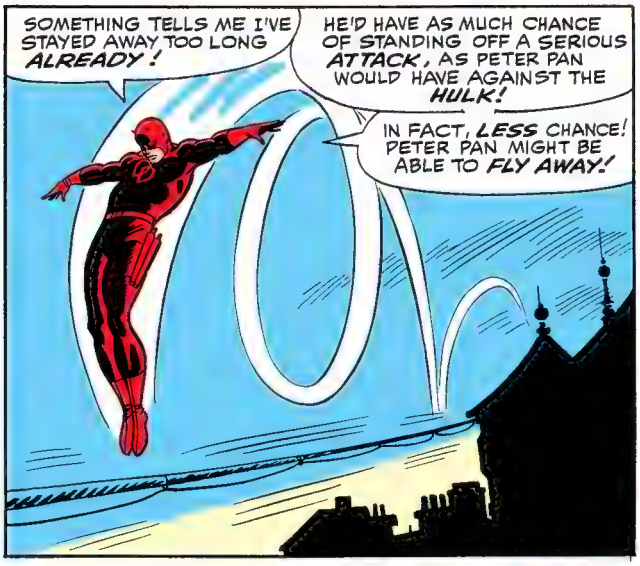

I WILL ADMIT THAT YOUR ILL-ADVISED ATTACK CAUGHT ME UNAWARE, YOU ARMOR-CLAD OAF!
BUT, NOBODY SHALL PEER BENEATH THIS MASK... UNTIL I AM READY FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD TO TREMBLE AT MY TRUE IDENTITY!
WITH YOUR EYE-BLAST GIZMO OUT OF ACTION, HOW CAN YOU STOP ME?
THAT IS THE FIRST LESSON YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEARN--!
EVEN THOUGH MY OPTI-BLAST IS TEMPORARILY UN-WORKABLE, YOU SHALL STILL FEEL THE POWER OF THE MASKED MARAUDER!

MISTER, THAT KINDA TALK WENT OUT WITH THE PERILS OF PAULINE! YOU'VE GOT AS MUCH CHANCE OF---
UNNHHH!
IT IS NOT BY ACCIDENT THAT THE TOP OF MY HOODED MASK IS MADE OF THE STRONGEST CUSHIONED STEEL AVAILABLE!
KLANG!

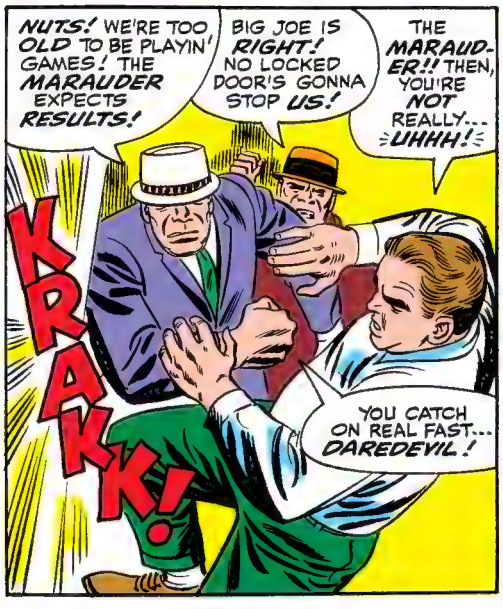
SO! YOU THINK YOU CAN STAND UP TO ME... MAN-TO-MAN, HUH?
WELL, I DIDN'T LABEL MYSELF THE GLADIATOR FOR NOTHING! WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT, THE TRUMP CARDS ARE ALL MINE!
STAY STILL, BLAST YOU! ONE BLOW IS ALL IT'LL TAKE... IF I CAN JUST TAG YA!
YOU ARROGANT FOOL! WE'RE WASTING PRECIOUS MOMENTS FIGHTING EACH OTHER... MOMENTS WE CAN-NOT SPARE!
WHOOSH

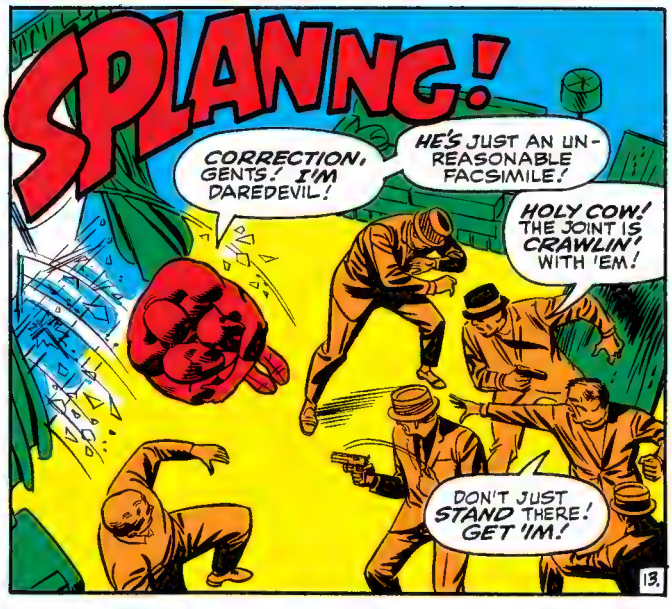

THE MARAUDER'S WORDS CONTAIN MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY! FOR, EVEN AS HE SPEAKS, A MOTLEY GROUP OF WELL-ARMED "REPORTERS" APPROACH THE APARTMENT OF FOGGY NELSON...
DAREDEVIL AIN'T GOT A CHANCE AGAINST THE WHOLE BUNCH OF US!
THIS'LL BE THE EASIEST DOUGH WE EVER COLLECTED!
YA GOTTA HAND IT TO THE MARAUDER! WHEN HE WANTS A JOB DONE, HE DON'T MESS AROUND! HE GOES ALL OUT!
HE WON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HIT 'IM!
GIT READY, YOU GUYS! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

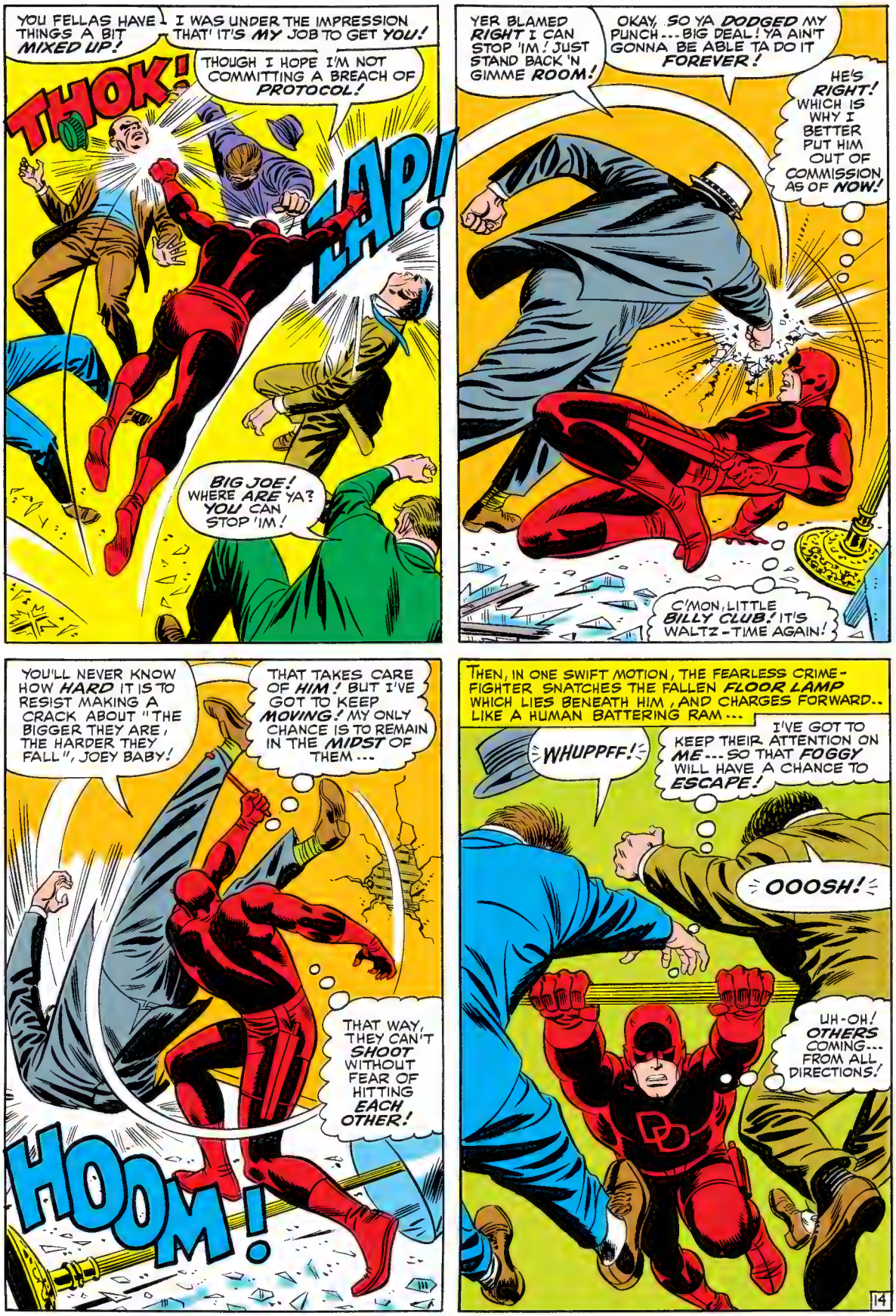

BUT, BEFORE THE NEFARIOUS "NEWSMEN" CAN REACH THEIR FATEFUL DESTINATION, THE MOST AGILE ADVENTURER IN TOWN ALSO HEADS FOR HIS PARTNER'S PAD...IN HIS OWN FAST-MOVING FASHION--
SINCE I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PICK UP THE GLADIATOR'S TRAIL, I'D BETTER DOUBLE BACK TO FOGGY!


SOMETHING TELLS ME I'VE STAYED AWAY TOO LONG ALREADY!
HE'D HAVE AS MUCH CHANCE OF STANDING OFF A SERIOUS ATTACK, AS PETER PAN WOULD HAVE AGAINST THE HULK!
IN FACT, LESS CHANCE! PETER PAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO FLY AWAY!

AND, IT BEGINS TO LOOK AS THOUGH D.D. IS RIGHT--
IF HE WON'T OPEN IT, WE'LL BUST IT DOWN!
YOU GOTTA LET US IN, NELSON! WE GOT ORDERS TO INTERVIEW YOU FOR OUR PAPERS!
DAREDEVIL TOLD ME TO ADMIT NO ONE! AND YET--- THEY'RE ONLY REPORTERS!
WE CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT A STORY, MISTER! IT'LL MEAN OUR JOBS!


NUTS! WE'RE TOO OLD TO BE PLAYIN' GAMES! THE MARAUDER EXPECTS RESULTS!
BIG JOE IS RIGHT! NO LOCKED DOOR'S GONNA STOP US!
THE MARAUDER!! THEN, YOU'RE NOT REALLY... UHHH!
KRAKK!
YOU CATCH ON REAL FAST... DAREDEVIL!


SPLANNG!
CORRECTION, GENTS! I'M DAREDEVIL!
HE'S JUST AN UNREASONABLE FACSIMILE!
HOLY COW! THE JOINT IS CRAWLIN' WITH 'EM!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GET 'IM!


YOU FELLAS HAVE THINGS A BIT MIXED UP!
I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT' IT'S MY JOB TO GET YOU!
THOK!
THOUGH I HOPE I'M NOT COMMITTING A BREACH OF PROTOCOL!
ZAP!
BIG JOE! WHERE ARE YA? YOU CAN STOP 'IM!
YER BLAMED RIGHT I CAN STOP 'IM! JUST STAND BACK 'N GIMME ROOM!
OKAY, SO YA DODGED MY PUNCH--- BIG DEAL! YA AIN'T GONNA BE ABLE TA DO IT FOREVER!
HE'S RIGHT! WHICH IS WHY I BETTER PUT HIM OUT OF COMMISSION AS OF NOW!
C'MON, LITTLE BILLY CLUB! IT'S WALTZ-TIME AGAIN!
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO RESIST MAKING A CRACK ABOUT "THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE HARDER THEY FALL", JOEY BABY!
THAT TAKES CARE OF HIM! BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING! MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO REMAIN IN THE MIDST OF THEM---
THAT WAY, THEY CAN'T SHOOT WITHOUT FEAR OF HITTING EACH OTHER!
HOOM!
THEN, IN ONE SWIFT MOTION, THE FEARLESS CRIME-FIGHTER SNATCHES THE FALLEN FLOOR LAMP WHICH LIES BENEATH HIM, AND CHARGES FORWARD.. LIKE A HUMAN BATTERING RAM---
WHUPPFF!
I'VE GOT TO KEEP THEIR ATTENTION ON ME--- SO THAT FOGGY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE!
OOOSH!
UH-OH! OTHERS COMING--- FROM ALL DIRECTIONS!

RUSH 'IM! NO MATTER HOW FAST HE IS, HE CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE!
HAVE TO CONCENTRATE! LISTEN TO EACH FOOTFALL-- EACH HEARTBEAT--- THEN, PICK THE EXACT SPLIT-SECOND TO MOVE!
LOOK AT 'IM! WHERE'S HIS SMART TALK NOW? HE KNOWS WE GOT 'IM!
I DID IT! ANOTHER SECOND WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE!
SAY, PUSSYCAT--- TELL ME AGAIN HOW I KNOW YOU'VE GOT ME!
I CAN LISTEN TO FAIRY TALES ALL DAY LONG!
BABOOM!
UH OH! HERE COMES ANOTHER EAGER BEAVER... ABOUT TO HAVE HIS LITTLE PIPE DREAMS SHATTERED!
I'LL GET HIM NOW!
YEEOWWWLLP!
SPAP!
DON'T FRET, TIGER... COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!
THINK HOW LUCKY YOU ARE THAT I'M NOT WEARING GOLF SHOES!

YOU OUT-SMARTED YOURSELF THAT TIME, MASKED MAN!
BY KNOCKIN' OFF SO MUCH OF THE OPPOSITION, YOU LEFT YERSELF WIDE OPEN FER ME TO USE MY IRON ON YA!
I DON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT ANY STRAY BULLETS SKIPPIN' AROUND--YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THEY'LL HIT!
HE'S RIGHT! I'M LIKE A SITTING DUCK HERE! HIS PULSE IS SPEEDING UP--- ABOUT TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER--!

BUT THEN, ANOTHER FIGURE ENTERS THE SCENE, DESPERATELY GRAPPLING WITH THE ARMED ASSASSIN FROM BEHIND---
KRAK!
I MAY NOT REALLY BE DAREDEVIL, BUT I WON'T STAND BY AND SEE A MURDER BEING COMMITTED!
GOOD WORK, FELLA!

OL' FOGGY REALLY CAME THROUGH IN THE PINCH!
IT PROVES A MAN DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A SUPER-HERO TO HAVE THE COURAGE OF ONE!
I'LL TAKE OVER NOW, LAWYER MAN! THIS IS MORE IN MY LINE OF WORK!
BLAST IT! I DIDN'T SENSE THAT TABLE IN TIME! I DROPPED HIM!

YOU HAVEN'T WON YET, DAREDEVIL! NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU CAN HOLD US OFF--- THE MARAUDER WILL BE HERE SOON--- AND THAT'LL BE YOUR FINISH!
THE MARAUDER, EH? THANKS, BIG MOUTH! NOW THE PIECES ARE BEGINNING TO FIT TOGETHER!
UH OH! HE'S STILL HOLDING HIS GUN! LOOK ALIVE, D.D.! YOU'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET!

THAT WON'T HELP YOU, SMART GUY! YOU CAN'T HOLD ONTO A HEAVY HASSOCK FOREVER!
WELL THEN, WOULD YOU BELIEVE A FEW SECONDS?
DAREDEVIL! LOOK OUT! THE OTHERS ARE STARTING TO RUSH US AGAIN!
THWOK!
THUPP!
THOMMF!
YEEOOOF!
PTOOMP!
HE WAS RIGHT, NELSON! I COULDN'T HOLD ONTO THAT THING FOREVER...
AND I DIDN'T INTEND TO!
AND NOW I'LL CONCENTRATE ON OUR OTHER ROMPER ROOM RASCALS!
IN CASE I FORGET TO TELL YOU LATER, I WANT TO THANK YOU FELLAS NOW...
USUALLY, A GENT LIKE ME HAS TO PAY TO HIRE A BUNCH OF SPUNKY SPARRING PARTNERS!
BUT, IT'S REAL NICE OF YOU EAGER BEAVERS TO VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES FOR FREE!
SPLAK!
PAY ATTENTION WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!
OKAY---CLASS IS OVER FOR NOW!
YOU'VE BEEN GINGER-PEACHY ABOUT THE WHOLE THING!
WOK!
FTOP!
DAREDEVIL --- OVER THERE! ONE OF THEM IS GETTING AWAY!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, COUNSELOR! WE MUSTN'T BE GREEDY!
WE DON'T WANT TO PUT ALL THE OTHER SUPER-HEROES OUT OF WORK! LET'S LEAVE HIM FOR THEM!
GOTTA GET AWAY!
GOTTA REACH THE MARAUDER!
HAVETA TELL 'IM ABOUT DARE-DEVIL!
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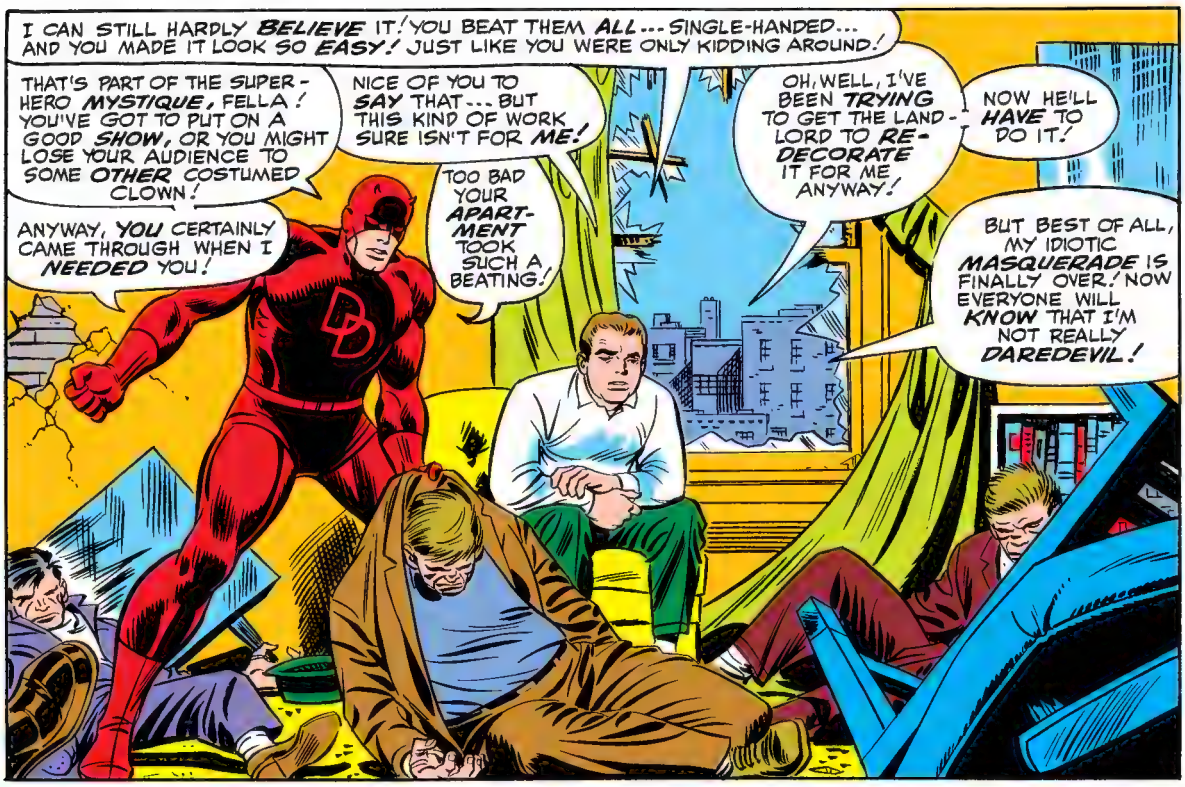
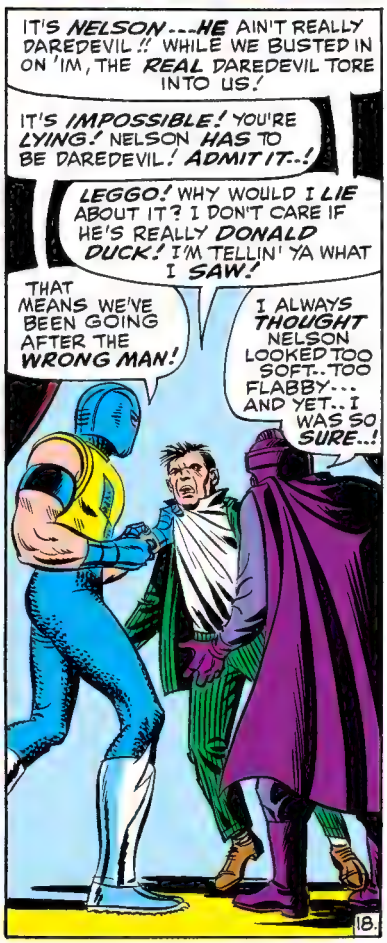
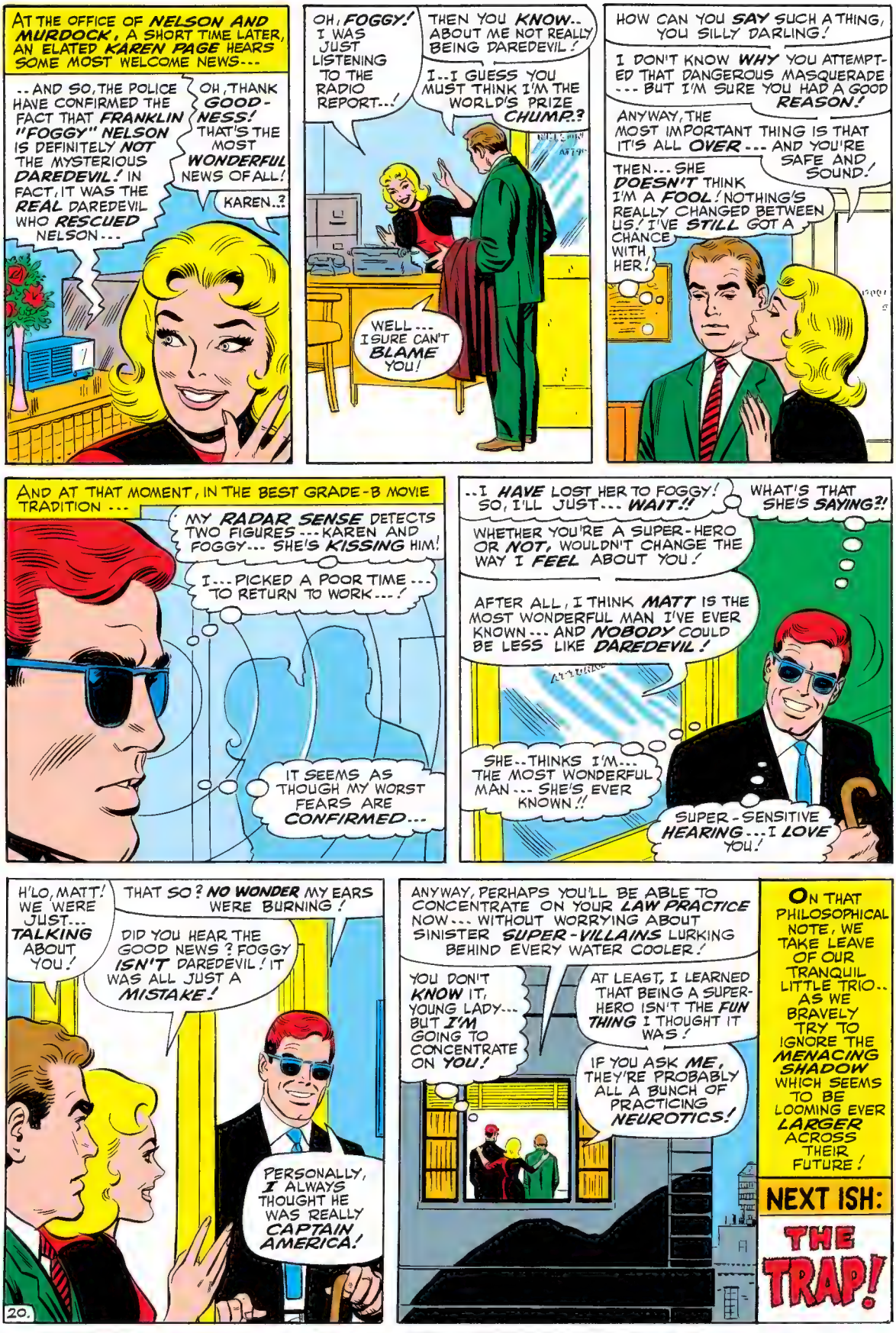

I CAN STILL HARDLY BELIEVE IT! YOU BEAT THEM ALL --- SINGLE-HANDED... AND YOU MADE IT LOOK SO EASY! JUST LIKE YOU WERE ONLY KIDDING AROUND!
THAT'S PART OF THE SUPER-HERO MYSTIQUE, FELLA! YOU'VE GOT TO PUT ON A GOOD SHOW, OR YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR AUDIENCE TO SOME OTHER COSTUMED CLOWN!
NICE OF YOU TO SAY THAT --- BUT THIS KIND OF WORK SURE ISN'T FOR ME!
OH, WELL, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET THE LAND-LORD TO RE-DECORATE IT FOR ME ANYWAY!
NOW HE'LL HAVE TO DO IT!
ANYWAY, YOU CERTAINLY CAME THROUGH WHEN I NEEDED YOU!
TOO BAD YOUR APART-MENT TOOK SUCH A BEATING!
BUT BEST OF ALL, MY IDIOTIC MASQUERADE IS FINALLY OVER! NOW EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT I'M NOT REALLY DAREDEVIL!

AND SPEAKING OF EVERYONE KNOWING, LET'S REJOIN THE MASKED MARAUDER ONCE MORE, AS HE CONTINUES HIS LITTLE TANGO WITH THE GYRATING GLADIATOR ---
MARAUDER!! MARAUDER!! WHERE ARE YOU?
ONE OF MY MEN! WHAT IS HE DOING BACK SO SOON?
IN HERE!! WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S DAREDEVIL, BOSS! HE LICKED THE WHOLE BUNCH OF US! I NEVER SAW ANYONE FIGHT LIKE HIM!
BUT I WAS LUCKY! I MANAGED TO GET AWAY!
LUCKY?? YOU BRAINLESS, BUMBLING FOOL!! WHAT IF HE FOLLOWED YOU HERE?!!
HE DIDN'T! I KNOW HE DIDN'T!
BUT I DIDN'T TELL YA THE BIGGEST NEWS YET -- WAIT'LL YOU HEAR THIS..!


IT'S NELSON ---HE AIN'T REALLY DAREDEVIL !! WHILE WE BUSTED IN ON 'IM, THE REAL DAREDEVIL TORE INTO US!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'RE LYING! NELSON HAS TO BE DAREDEVIL! ADMIT IT--!
LEGGO! WHY WOULD I LIE ABOUT IT? I DON'T CARE IF HE'S REALLY DONALD DUCK! I'M TELLIN' YA WHAT I SAW!
THAT MEANS WE'VE BEEN GOING AFTER THE WRONG MAN!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT NELSON LOOKED TOO SOFT--TOO FLABBY... AND YET.. I WAS SO SURE..!

YOU IDIOTIC, ARMOR-CLAD BUNGLER! WHILE YOU WASTED TIME FIGHTING ME... MY ENTIRE MASTER PLAN HAS GONE TO PIECES! IF THE REAL DAREDEVIL CAME TO NELSON'S RESCUE, WE COULD HAVE CAUGHT HIM...IF NOT FOR YOU!!
SHUT UP!! I HAVE TO THINK! IF NELSON ISN'T DAREDEVIL, THEN WE'RE STARTING FROM SCRATCH AGAIN! WE CAN'T LET HIM MAKE FOOLS OF US...NO MATTER WHO HE REALLY IS! WE'LL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER! HE CAN'T BEAT THE TWO OF US!
AND HE WON'T!! I PROMISE YOU THAT!
YOU DID WELL TO WARN US! NOW GO! TAKE ALL MY PAPERS AND PLANS TO OUR ALTERNATE HIDE-OUT! THERE'S NOT A MINUTE TO SPARE!
IF DAREDEVIL CAPTURED THE OTHERS, ONE OF THEM IS SURE TO TALK! THE POLICE MIGHT BE ON THEIR WAY HERE NOW!
GOTCHA, BOSS!
OKAY, MARAUDER.. I'M STRINGIN' ALONG WITH YA! YOU GOT THE ORGANIZATION AND THE KNOW-HOW! BUT, WE'RE PARTNERS, SEE?
YES, YES... OF COURSE!
UNTIL I HAVE NO FURTHER NEED OF YOU, YOU DIM-WITTED FOOL!
THIS ROUND GOES TO DAREDEVIL--- BUT IT'S ONLY THE OPENING GUN IN THE BATTLE TO COME!
HE HAS MERELY DEFEATED A FEW OF OUR UNDERLINGS! BUT NEXT TIME HE FACES US!
NO MATTER WHO HE IS--- WE'LL FIND HIM SOME-HOW! AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
AND THUS WE LEAVE OUR VENGEFUL DASTARDLY DUO.. TITANIC TWO--PERILOUS PAIR--CRAVEN COUPLE--- GRUESOME TWOSOME! (CHECK ONE! MARVEL BELIEVES IN GIVING YOU A CHOICE--NOT AN ECHO!)
BUT, OUR STIRRING SAGA IS NOT YET ENDED! WE'VE STILL GOT A LOOSE END OR TWO TO TIE UP.. SO, LET'S START TYING---


AT THE OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, A SHORT TIME LATER, AN ELATED KAREN PAGE HEARS SOME MOST WELCOME NEWS---
--AND SO, THE POLICE HAVE CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON IS DEFINITELY NOT THE MYSTERIOUS DAREDEVIL! IN FACT, IT WAS THE REAL DAREDEVIL WHO RESCUED NELSON---
OH, THANK GOOD-NESS! THAT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL NEWS OF ALL!
KAREN..?
OH, FOGGY! I WAS JUST LISTENING TO THE RADIO REPORT...!
THEN YOU KNOW.. ABOUT ME NOT REALLY BEING DAREDEVIL!
I..I GUESS YOU MUST THINK I'M THE WORLD'S PRIZE CHUMP.?
WELL--- I SURE CAN'T BLAME YOU!
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING, YOU SILLY DARLING!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU ATTEMPTED THAT DANGEROUS MASQUERADE --- BUT I'M SURE YOU HAD A GOOD REASON!
ANYWAY, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT IT'S ALL OVER --- AND YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND!
THEN... SHE DOESN'T THINK I'M A FOOL! NOTHING'S REALLY CHANGED BETWEEN US! I'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE WITH HER!
AND AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE BEST GRADE-B MOVIE TRADITION ---
MY RADAR SENSE DETECTS TWO FIGURES --- KAREN AND FOGGY--- SHE'S KISSING HIM!
I---PICKED A POOR TIME --- TO RETURN TO WORK---!
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH MY WORST FEARS ARE CONFIRMED---
--I HAVE LOST HER TO FOGGY! SO, I'LL JUST--- WAIT!!
WHAT'S THAT SHE'S SAYING?!
WHETHER YOU'RE A SUPER-HERO OR NOT, WOULDN'T CHANGE THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU!
AFTER ALL, I THINK MATT IS THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN--- AND NOBODY COULD BE LESS LIKE DAREDEVIL!
SHE--THINKS I'M--- THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN --- SHE'S EVER KNOWN!!
SUPER-SENSITIVE HEARING---I LOVE YOU!
H'LO, MATT! WE WERE JUST... TALKING ABOUT YOU!
THAT SO? NO WONDER MY EARS WERE BURNING!
DID YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS? FOGGY ISN'T DAREDEVIL! IT WAS ALL JUST A MISTAKE!
PERSONALLY, I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS REALLY CAPTAIN AMERICA!
ANYWAY, PERHAPS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON YOUR LAW PRACTICE NOW--- WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS LURKING BEHIND EVERY WATER COOLER!
YOU DON'T KNOW IT, YOUNG LADY--- BUT I'M GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON YOU!
AT LEAST, I LEARNED THAT BEING A SUPER-HERO ISN'T THE FUN THING I THOUGHT IT WAS!
IF YOU ASK ME, THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL A BUNCH OF PRACTICING NEUROTICS!
ON THAT PHILOSOPHICAL NOTE, WE TAKE LEAVE OF OUR TRANQUIL LITTLE TRIO.. AS WE BRAVELY TRY TO IGNORE THE MENACING SHADOW WHICH SEEMS TO BE LOOMING EVER LARGER ACROSS THEIR FUTURE!
NEXT ISH:
THE TRAP!
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HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

"THE VERDICT IS: DEATH!"

NOT MUCH WORK FOR DAREDEVIL IN THE CITY TONIGHT! MIGHT AS WELL CHANGE BACK TO MATT MURDOCK WHILE THE OFFICE IS DESERTED!
UH OH! THREE PULSEBEATS THERE IN THE DARK! LOOKS LIKE THIS WON'T BE A WASTED EVENING AFTER ALL!
THE STRANGEST MOST FANTASTIC TRIAL OF ALL TIME! --AND WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHO THE PROSECUTOR IS....!
IT'S DAREDEVIL!! WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? WE AINT LETTIN' HIM INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS!

SCRIPT: *SMILIN'* **STAN LEE**
PENCILLING: (JAZZY JOHNNY ROMITA HAD TO POLISH OFF THE 25¢ SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL THIS MONTH, SO LOOK WHO GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO PINCH-HIT FOR OL' RING-A-DING THIS ISH:)
GENTLEMAN **GENE COLAN**
INKING: *FEARLESS* **FRANK GIACOIA**
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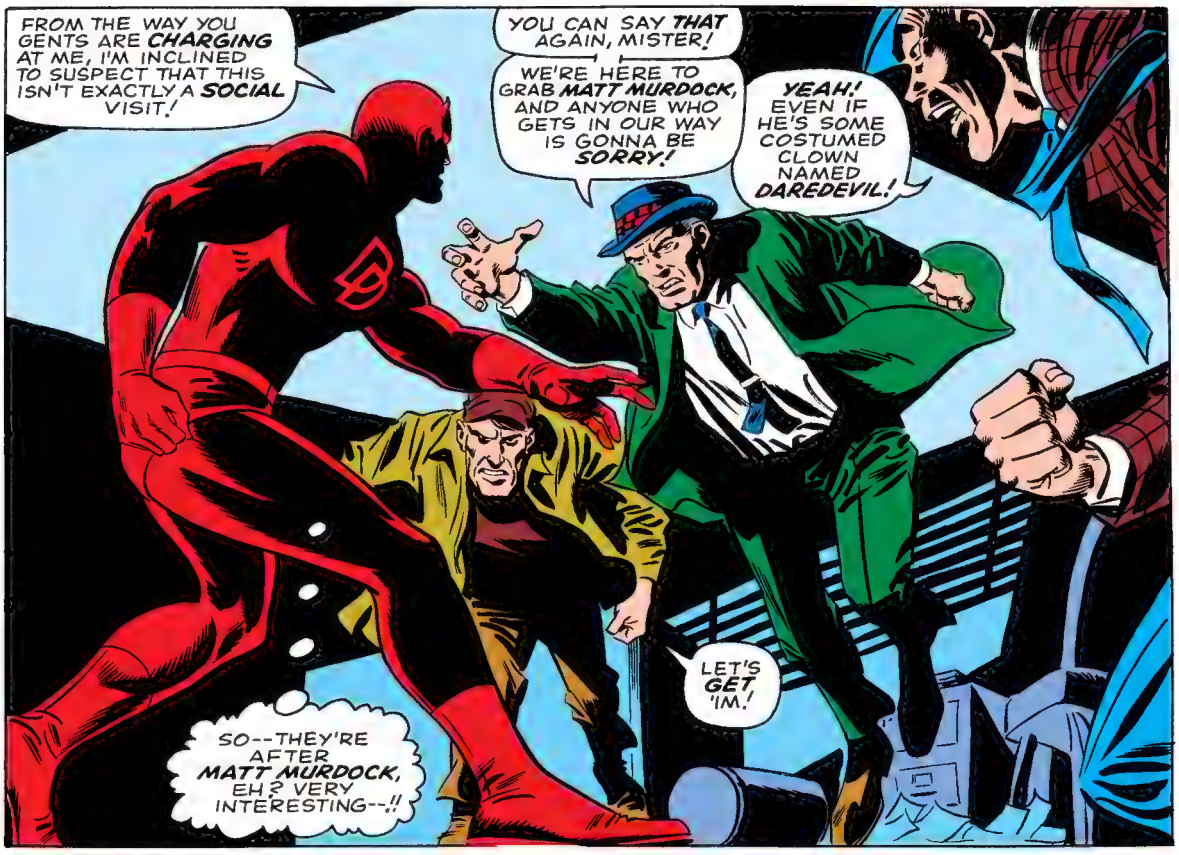
FROM THE WAY YOU GENTS ARE CHARGING AT ME, I'M INCLINED TO SUSPECT THAT THIS ISN'T EXACTLY A SOCIAL VISIT!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, MISTER!
WE'RE HERE TO GRAB MATT MURDOCK, AND ANYONE WHO GETS IN OUR WAY IS GONNA BE SORRY!
YEAH! EVEN IF HE'S SOME COSTUMED CLOWN NAMED DAREDEVIL!
LET'S GET 'IM!
SO--THEY'RE AFTER MATT MURDOCK, EH? VERY INTERESTING--!!

I'LL GETCHA FOR THAT, WISE GUY--!
I'VE GOT BUSINESS WITH MURDOCK, TOO--
AND I HATE TO TAKE SLOPPY SECONDS!
-WHOOOPFF!-

CORRECTION, FRIEND! YOU'VE ALREADY GOT ME--N'EST-CE PAS?
WOK!
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WHAT'SAMATTER WITH YOU GUYS?? CAN'TCHA EVEN STOP ONE CRUMMY--
-MMMOOO!!!!!--!!-
SOK!
DON'T BE TOO HARD ON THEM, PAL! THEY DID THE BEST THEY COULD--
JUST AS YOU DID, UNTIL YOU BLUNDERED INTO A STRAIGHT RIGHT!
HAD ENOUGH, BOYS?
HEY--WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'LL I TELL MATT MURDOCK WHEN HE COMES IN?
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE! THAT DAREDEVIL'S A FULL TIME NUT!
CALL 'IM WHATCHA WANT TO--THE BOSS CAN'T PAY ENOUGH FOR ME TO TANGLE WITH HIM AGAIN!
MIGHT AS WELL LET THEM ESCAPE--FOR NOW!
IF THEY WERE AFTER MATT MURDOCK, AND I CHASED THEM AWAY FROM MATT'S OFFICE, THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER PLACE THEY'D LOGICALLY GO--
--AND, THAT'S THE APARTMENT OF THAT BRILLIANT, CRUSADING, HARD-WORKING ATTORNEY!
BUT, WHO ARE THEY, ANYWAY?
AND, WHY ARE THEY AFTER MY FAVORITE COUNSELOR-AT-LAW??
WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT--!
IT'S TIME FOR MY SEEMINGLY HELPLESS ALTER EGO TO MAKE THE SCENE!
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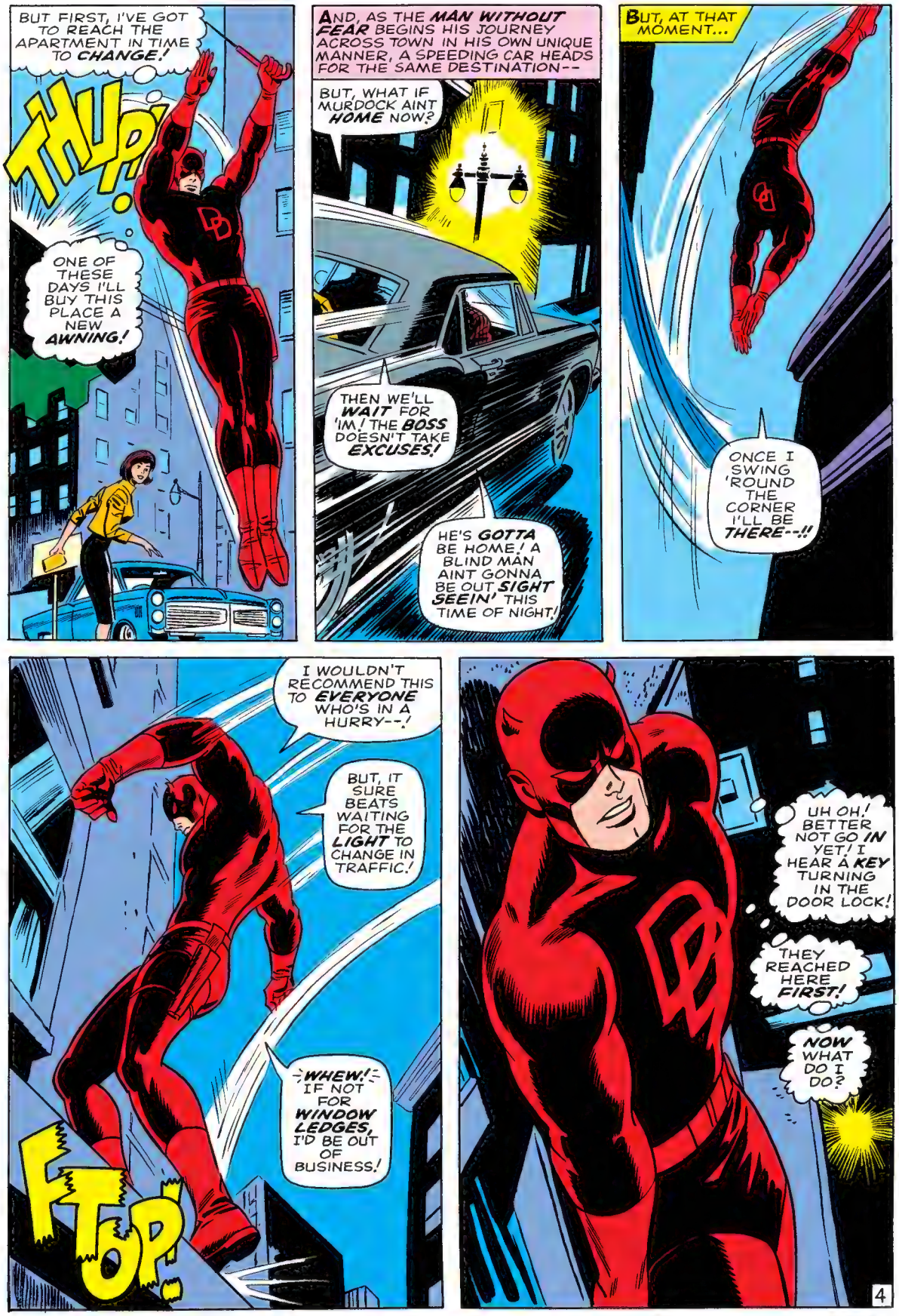
BUT FIRST, I'VE GOT TO REACH THE APARTMENT IN TIME TO CHANGE!
THUP!
ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL BUY THIS PLACE A NEW AWNING!
AND, AS THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR BEGINS HIS JOURNEY ACROSS TOWN IN HIS OWN UNIQUE MANNER, A SPEEDING CAR HEADS FOR THE SAME DESTINATION--
BUT, WHAT IF MURDOCK AINT HOME NOW?
THEN WE'LL WAIT FOR 'IM! THE BOSS DOESN'T TAKE EXCUSES!
HE'S GOTTA BE HOME! A BLIND MAN AINT GONNA BE OUT SIGHT SEEIN' THIS TIME OF NIGHT!
BUT, AT THAT MOMENT...
ONCE I SWING 'ROUND THE CORNER I'LL BE THERE--!!
I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THIS TO EVERYONE WHO'S IN A HURRY--!
BUT, IT SURE BEATS WAITING FOR THE LIGHT TO CHANGE IN TRAFFIC!
-WHEW!- IF NOT FOR WINDOW LEDGES, I'D BE OUT OF BUSINESS!
FTOP!
UH OH! BETTER NOT GO IN YET! I HEAR A KEY TURNING IN THE DOOR LOCK!
THEY REACHED HERE FIRST!
NOW WHAT DO I DO?
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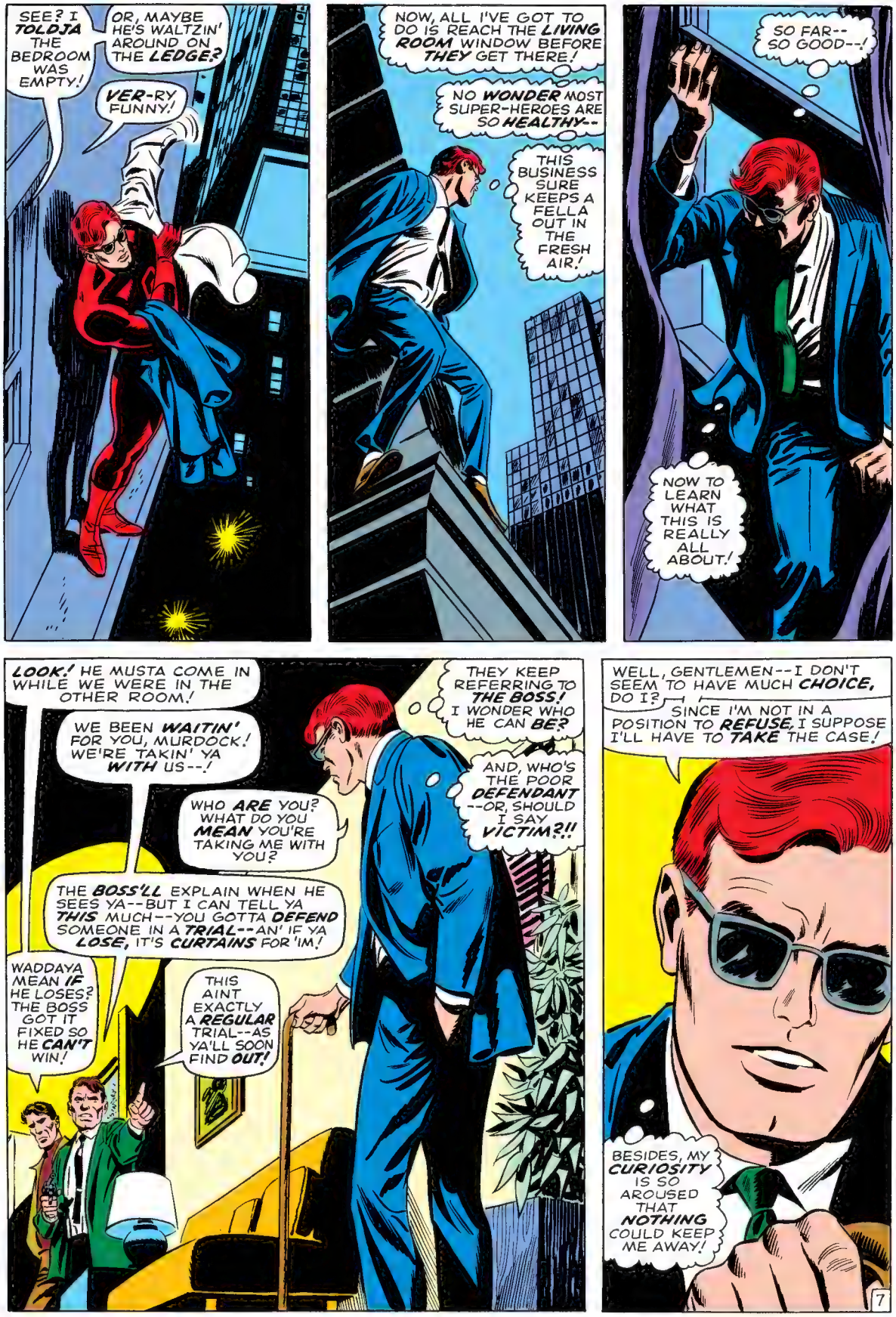
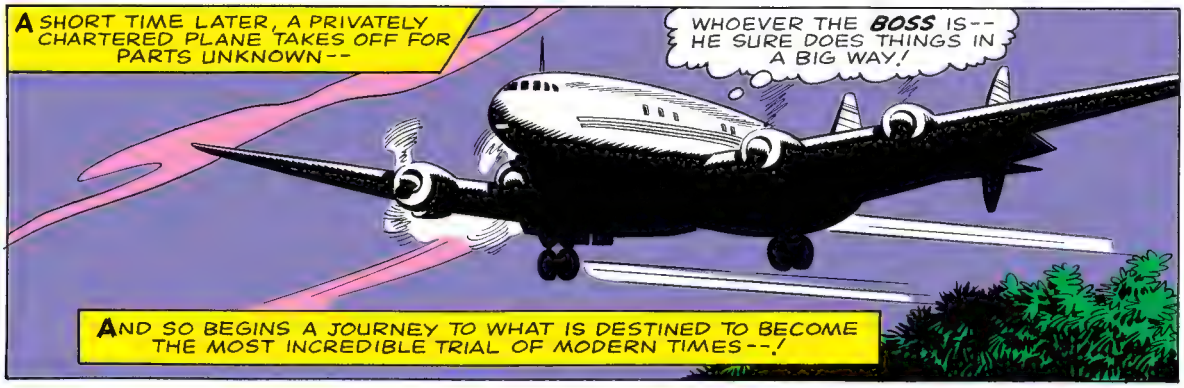
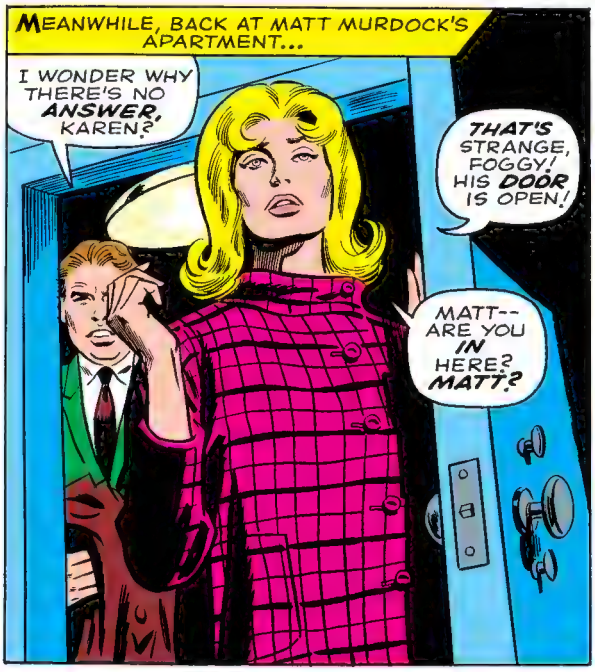
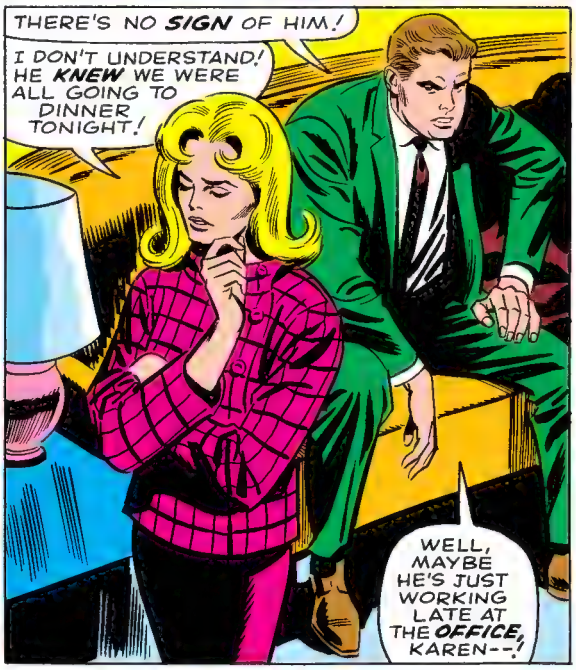
AND, AS THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER PONDERS...
THIS PASS KEY'LL GET US IN EASY ENOUGH!
K-K-K!
AWRIGHT, MURDOCK--- DON'T MAKE NO SUDDEN NOISES, AND NOBODY'LL GIT HURT! WE JUST WANNA TAKE YA FER A LITTLE TRIP WITH US!
RATS! THE JOINT'S DESERTED! HE AINT HERE! NOW WE'LL HAVETA HANG AROUND 'N WAIT!
WHERE IN BLAZES CAN THAT GUY BE, ANYWAY? I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE 'IM HALF-WAY BACK TO THE BOSS BY NOW!
WELL, NO SENSE HANGIN' AROUND IN THE HALL! LET'S GO IN BEFORE SOME-ONE SEES US!
AT LEAST WE WON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT BUMPIN' INTO THAT CRUMMY DAREDEVIL AGAIN IN HERE! I HAD ENOUGH OF HIM TO LAST ME!
I SURE WONDER WHAT HE WAS DOIN' IN MURDOCK'S OFFICE, THOUGH!
I HOPE HE AINT AFTER 'IM, TOO!
DUNNO WHY THE BOSS SENT THREE OF US JUST TO PICK UP ONE HELPLESS BLIND LAWYER, ANYWAY?

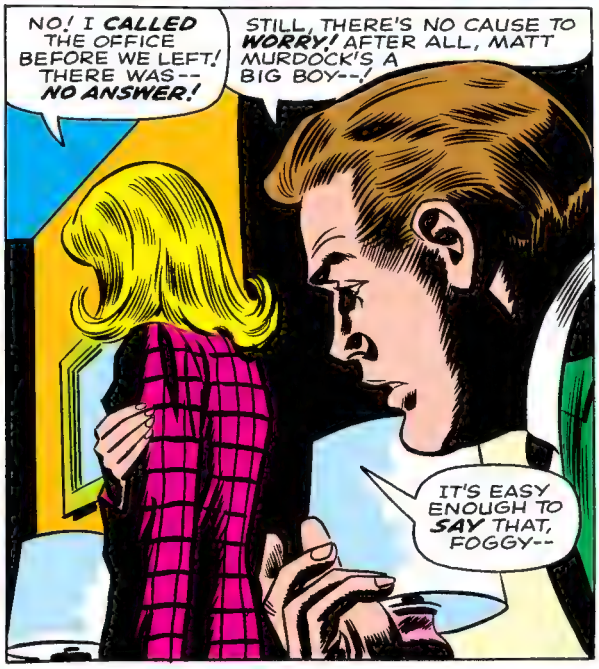
LISTEN!! I COULD'A SWORE I JUST HEARD SOMETHIN' OUTSIDE-- BEHIND THOSE DRAPES OVER THERE!
BEHIND THOSE DRAPES?? THERE'S NOTHIN' THERE BUT A HUNDRED-FOOT DROP!
C'MON, YOU GUYS--KNOCK IT OFF!
NEXT THING WE KNOW, YA'LL BE WORRYIN' ABOUT OUR BLIND PIGEON ATTACKIN' US WITH HIS CANE AND SAVIN' HIMSELF!
BUT, JUST TO PLAY SAFE, WE BETTER LOOK OVER THE REST OF THE APARTMENT--!
AND, AT THE BEDROOM WINDOW--
MY SUIT SHOULD BE HANGING RIGHT ON BACK OF THE CHAIR!
I'LL JUST REACH FOR IT!
THAT MUST BE THE BEDROOM! MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A SQUINT IN THERE--!
AW, IT'LL JUST BE A WASTE OF TIME! THE JOINT'S EMPTY! LET'S JUST WAIT!
WHAT ELSE YA GOT TO DO, CHUM? I SAY WE LOOK IN THERE--AND I MEAN NOW!
OKAY! OKAY!
THEY'RE COMING! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST!
THIS IS SOME LAYOUT! HE SURE LIVES IT UP FOR A BLIND MAN!

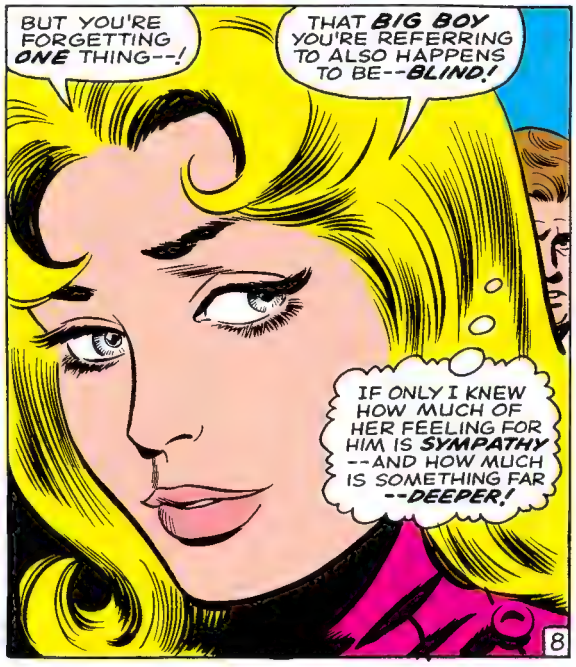

SEE? I TOLDJA THE BEDROOM WAS EMPTY!
OR, MAYBE HE'S WALTZIN' AROUND ON THE LEDGE?
VER-RY FUNNY!
NOW, ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS REACH THE LIVING ROOM WINDOW BEFORE THEY GET THERE!
NO WONDER MOST SUPER-HEROES ARE SO HEALTHY--
THIS BUSINESS SURE KEEPS A FELLA OUT IN THE FRESH AIR!
SO FAR-- SO GOOD--!
NOW TO LEARN WHAT THIS IS REALLY ALL ABOUT!
LOOK! HE MUSTA COME IN WHILE WE WERE IN THE OTHER ROOM!
WE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOU, MURDOCK! WE'RE TAKIN' YA WITH US--!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE TAKING ME WITH YOU?
THE BOSS'LL EXPLAIN WHEN HE SEES YA--BUT I CAN TELL YA THIS MUCH--YOU GOTTA DEFEND SOMEONE IN A TRIAL--AN' IF YA LOSE, IT'S CURTAINS FOR 'IM!
WADDAYA MEAN IF HE LOSES? THE BOSS GOT IT FIXED SO HE CAN'T WIN!
THIS AINT EXACTLY A REGULAR TRIAL--AS YA'LL SOON FIND OUT!
THEY KEEP REFERRING TO THE BOSS! I WONDER WHO HE CAN BE?
AND, WHO'S THE POOR DEFENDANT --OR, SHOULD I SAY VICTIM?!!
WELL, GENTLEMEN--I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH CHOICE, DO I?
SINCE I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO REFUSE, I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE CASE!
BESIDES, MY CURIOSITY IS SO AROUSED THAT NOTHING COULD KEEP ME AWAY!

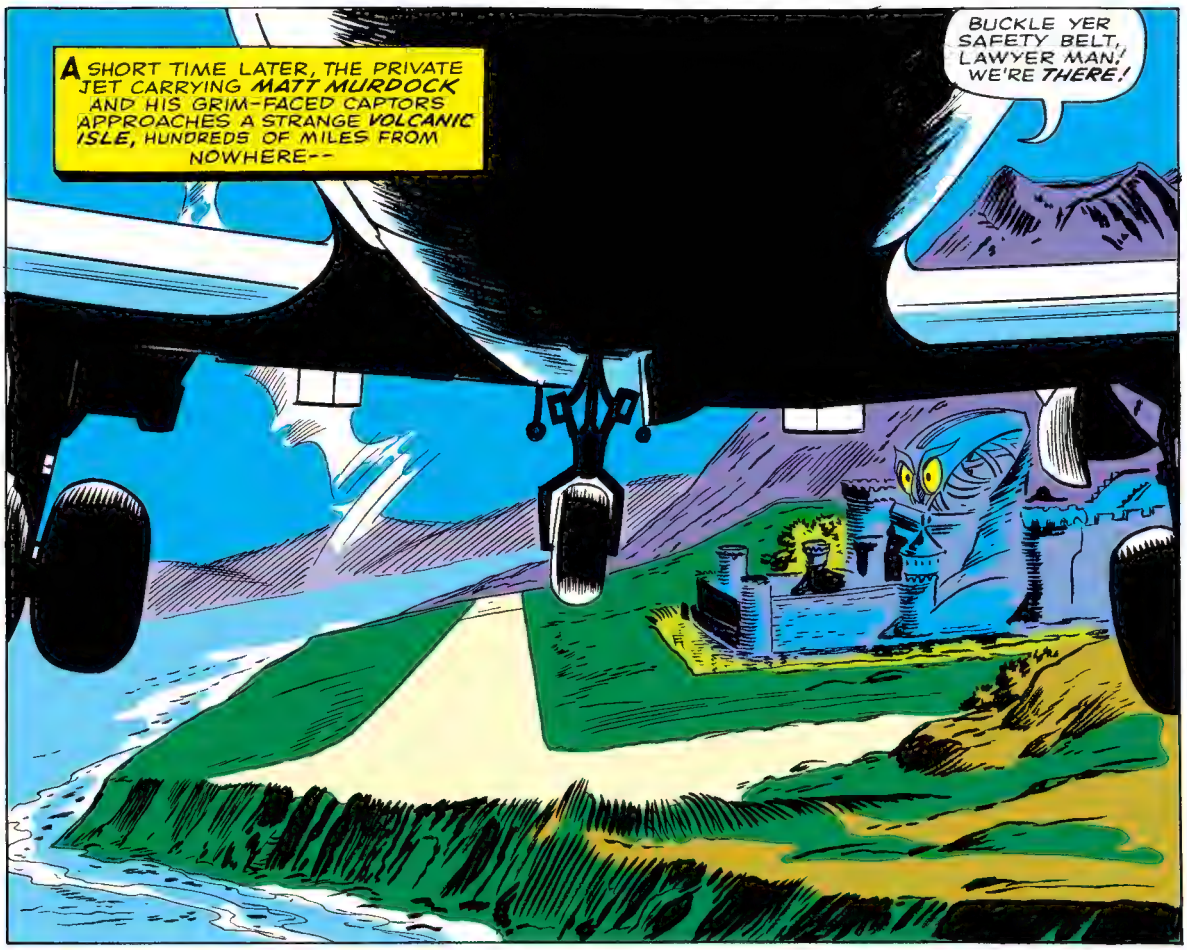

A SHORT TIME LATER, A PRIVATELY CHARTERED PLANE TAKES OFF FOR PARTS UNKNOWN--
WHOEVER THE BOSS IS--HE SURE DOES THINGS IN A BIG WAY!
AND SO BEGINS A JOURNEY TO WHAT IS DESTINED TO BECOME THE MOST INCREDIBLE TRIAL OF MODERN TIMES--!


MEANWHILE, BACK AT MATT MURDOCK'S APARTMENT...
I WONDER WHY THERE'S NO ANSWER, KAREN?
THAT'S STRANGE, FOGGY! HIS DOOR IS OPEN!
MATT--ARE YOU IN HERE? MATT?


THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HE KNEW WE WERE ALL GOING TO DINNER TONIGHT!
WELL, MAYBE HE'S JUST WORKING LATE AT THE OFFICE, KAREN--!

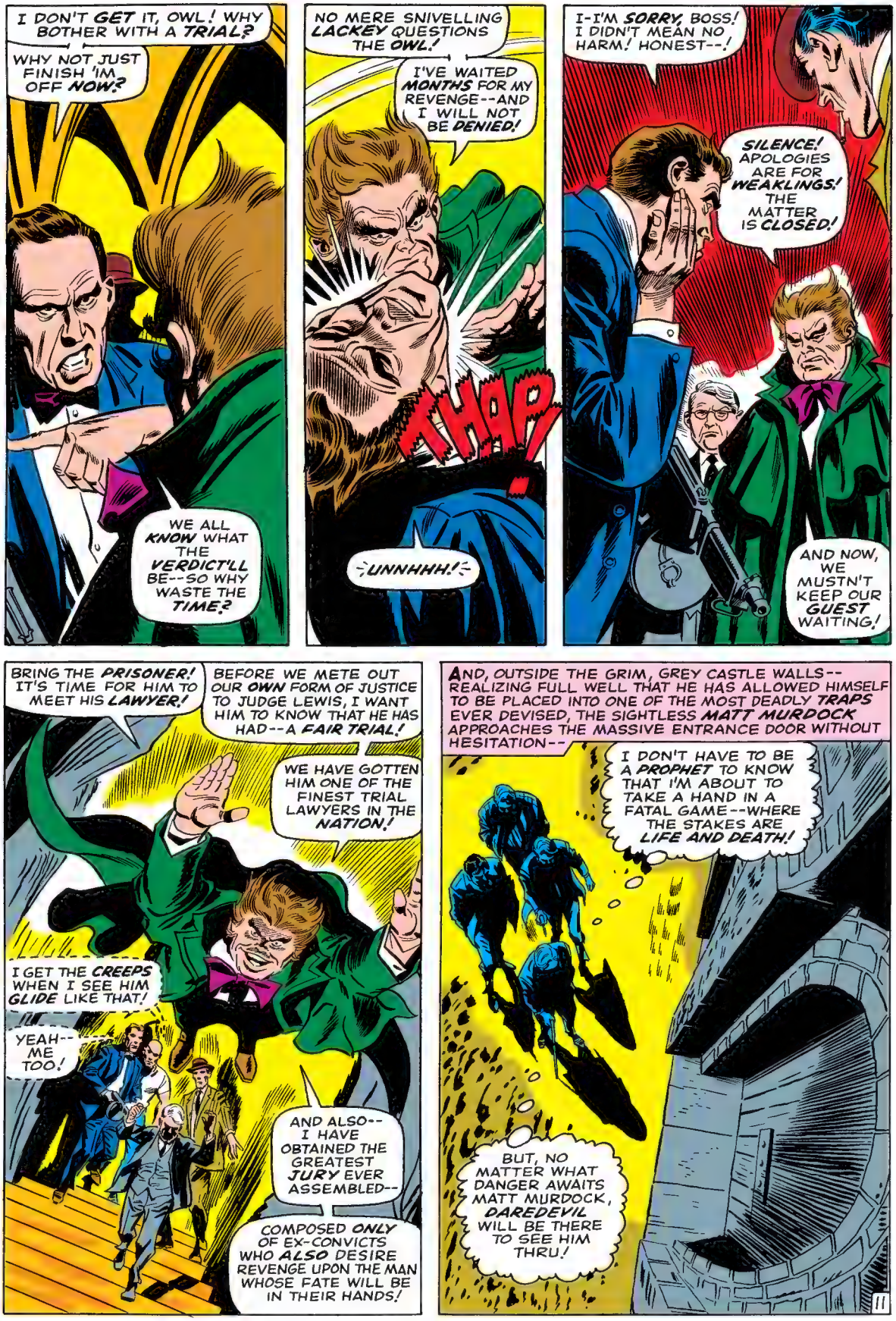

NO! I CALLED THE OFFICE BEFORE WE LEFT! THERE WAS--NO ANSWER!
STILL, THERE'S NO CAUSE TO WORRY! AFTER ALL, MATT MURDOCK'S A BIG BOY--!
IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO SAY THAT, FOGGY--


BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING ONE THING--!
THAT BIG BOY YOU'RE REFERRING TO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE--BLIND!
IF ONLY I KNEW HOW MUCH OF HER FEELING FOR HIM IS SYMPATHY --AND HOW MUCH IS SOMETHING FAR --DEEPER!


A SHORT TIME LATER, THE PRIVATE JET CARRYING MATT MURDOCK AND HIS GRIM-FACED CAPTORS APPROACHES A STRANGE VOLCANIC ISLE, HUNDREDS OF MILES FROM NOWHERE--
BUCKLE YER SAFETY BELT, LAWYER MAN! WE'RE THERE!

THAT'S NICE TO KNOW-- BUT, WHERE IS "THERE"??
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN THE BOSS IS READY TO TELL YA--AND NOT BEFORE!
KREEEEE!

THEN, SECONDS LATER...
IT'S SOME SORT OF ISLAND! I CAN HEAR THE WAVES LAPPING AT THE SHORE ALL ABOUT ME!
AND MY RADAR SENSE HAS PICKED UP THE SHAPE OF A CASTLE-LIKE STRUCTURE WHICH DOMINATES THE ENTIRE ISLE!
WHOEVER THE SO-CALLED BOSS IS, I SHOULD BE LEARNING HIS IDENTITY ANY MINUTE NOW!
AWRIGHT, MURDOCK-- KEEP WALKIN'! THE BOSS DON'T LIKE FOR NO ONE TO KEEP 'IM WAITIN'!
AND, ANOTHER THING I HAVE TO FIND OUT IS-- WHO CAN THE PRISONER BE?? --AND WHAT HAS HE DONE?
AND, SPEAKING OF THE BOSS, AT A WINDOW HIGH ATOP THE CASTLE WE FIND--
HE'S HERE!
NOW NOTHING CAN DELAY THE TRIAL!
THIS WILL BE THE GREATEST TRIUMPH OF ALL, FOR-- THE OWL!
AND NOW-- BRING FORTH THE PRISONER!
AH! JUDGE LEWIS! YOU THOUGHT WHEN YOU WENT INTO RETIREMENT THAT YOU'D BE FORGOTTEN!
BUT, THE OWL NEVER FORGETS!
HOW COULD I FORGET THE JUDGE WHO HAD SENTENCED ME TO PRISON AFTER THE POLICE CAUGHT ME DURING MY ESCAPE FROM DAREDEVIL??!*
YOU MADMAN! WHAT CAN YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY THIS NONSENSE?
JUSTICE, JUDGE! THE OWL'S OWN BRAND OF JUSTICE!
*HANDS UP, IF YOU REMEMBER 'WAY BACK TO THE ENDING OF DAREDEVIL #3! --SCHOLARLY STAN.


I DON'T GET IT, OWL! WHY BOTHER WITH A TRIAL?
WHY NOT JUST FINISH 'IM OFF NOW?
WE ALL KNOW WHAT THE VERDICT'LL BE--SO WHY WASTE THE TIME?
NO MERE SNIVELLING LACKEY QUESTIONS THE OWL!
I'VE WAITED MONTHS FOR MY REVENGE--AND I WILL NOT BE DENIED!
THAP!
-UNNHHH!-
I-I'M SORRY, BOSS! I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM! HONEST--!
SILENCE! APOLOGIES ARE FOR WEAKLINGS! THE MATTER IS CLOSED!
AND NOW, WE MUSTN'T KEEP OUR GUEST WAITING!
BRING THE PRISONER! IT'S TIME FOR HIM TO MEET HIS LAWYER!
BEFORE WE METE OUT OUR OWN FORM OF JUSTICE TO JUDGE LEWIS, I WANT HIM TO KNOW THAT HE HAS HAD--A FAIR TRIAL!
WE HAVE GOTTEN HIM ONE OF THE FINEST TRIAL LAWYERS IN THE NATION!
I GET THE CREEPS WHEN I SEE HIM GLIDE LIKE THAT!
YEAH-- ME TOO!
AND ALSO-- I HAVE OBTAINED THE GREATEST JURY EVER ASSEMBLED--
COMPOSED ONLY OF EX-CONVICTS WHO ALSO DESIRE REVENGE UPON THE MAN WHOSE FATE WILL BE IN THEIR HANDS!
AND, OUTSIDE THE GRIM, GREY CASTLE WALLS-- REALIZING FULL WELL THAT HE HAS ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE PLACED INTO ONE OF THE MOST DEADLY TRAPS EVER DEVISED, THE SIGHTLESS MATT MURDOCK APPROACHES THE MASSIVE ENTRANCE DOOR WITHOUT HESITATION--
I DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROPHET TO KNOW THAT I'M ABOUT TO TAKE A HAND IN A FATAL GAME--WHERE THE STAKES ARE LIFE AND DEATH!
BUT, NO MATTER WHAT DANGER AWAITS MATT MURDOCK, DAREDEVIL WILL BE THERE TO SEE HIM THRU!
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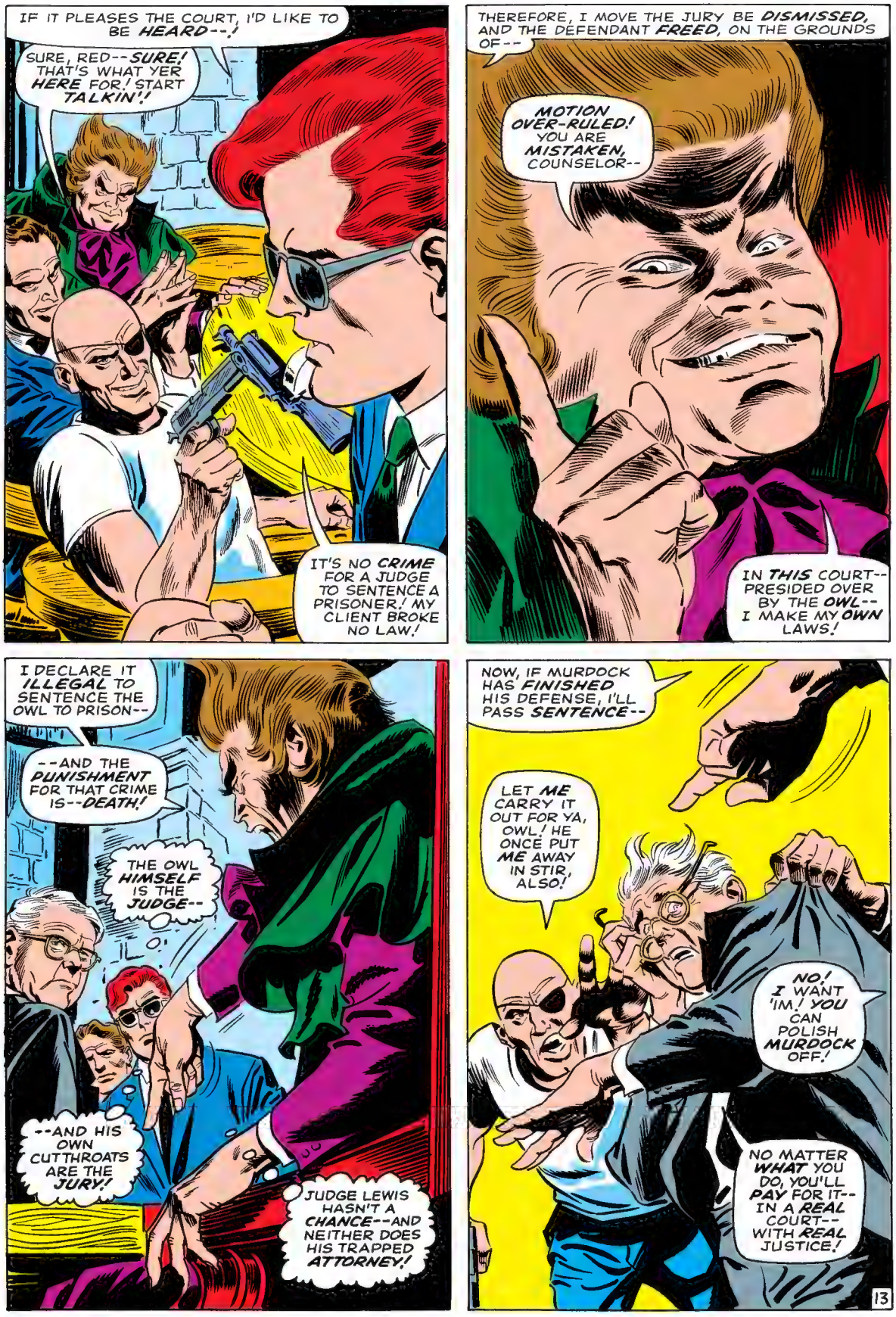
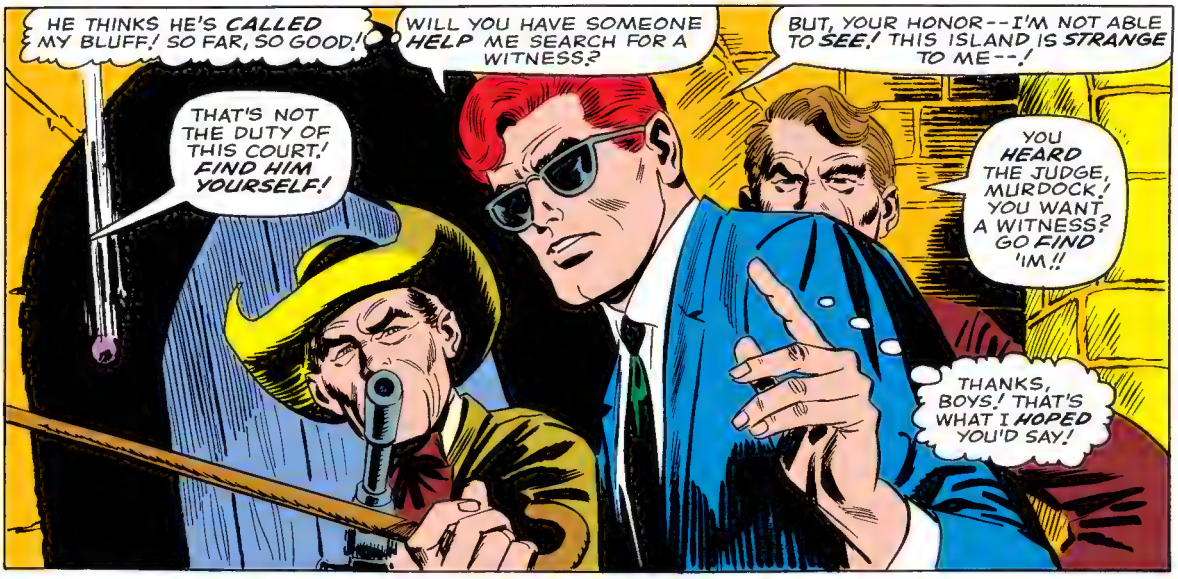
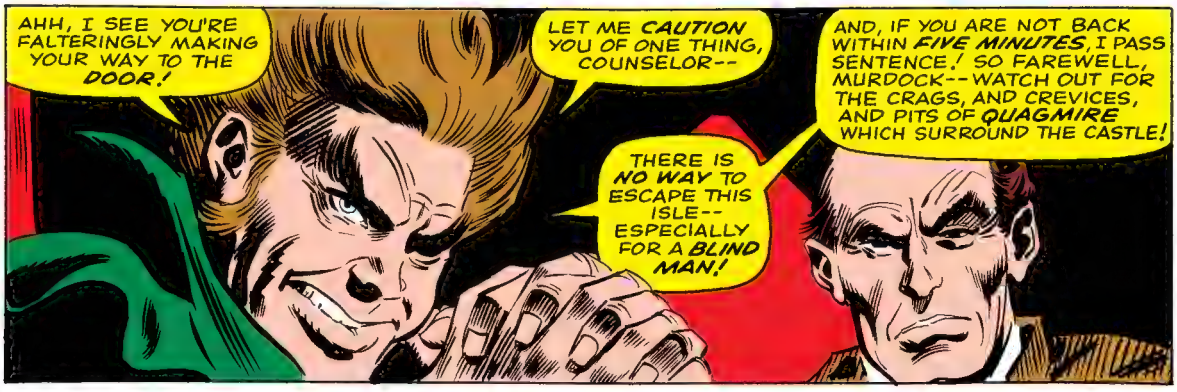
SECONDS LATER, AS HE IS GUIDED INTO A HUGE, DANK, BARONIAL CHAMBER WITHIN THE MOLDY, CENTURIES-OLD, DECAYING CASTLE, THE FEARLESS ATTORNEY INSTANTLY REALIZES THE IDENTITY OF HIS STRANGE, SINISTERLY-SMIRKING CAPTOR--!
THAT ERRATIC HEARTBEAT --THE ODOR OF A MUSTY AERIE FILLING THE AIR-- THE HIGH-PITCHED, BIRD-LIKE WHEEZE IN HIS BREATHING--
--IT CAN ONLY BE-- THE OWL!
THAT VOICE! I'D KNOW IT ANYWHERE! IT'S HIS HONOR, JUDGE LEWIS!
SURELY HE CAN'T BE THE PRISONER WHOM I'M SUPPOSED TO DEFEND!
KEEP WALKIN', MURDOCK! THE JUDGE 'N THE GENTS OF THE JURY ARE ALL WAITIN' ON YA!
DON'T MAKE BOOK ON THAT, LAWYER MAN!
MATTHEW MURDOCK!
SO! TO LEND DIGNITY TO THIS FARCE, YOU'VE EVEN CAPTURED THE MOST TALENTED TRIAL LAWYER OF OUR DAY!
OKAY, BOSS-- HERE'S THE MOUTHPIECE! NOW WE CAN DO EVERY-THING REAL NICE 'N LEGAL LIKE YA SAID!
COME IN, MURDOCK-- COME IN!
THE OMNIVOROUS OWL WELCOMES YOU TO HIS COURTROOM!
YOUR CLIENT IS EX-JUDGE LEWIS, WHO STANDS ACCUSED OF DARING TO TO SENTENCE ME TO PRISON!
WHAT'LL WE DO WITH MURDOCK AFTER WE FIND THE JUDGE GUILTY, OWL?
LET'S NOT DISCUSS SUCH SORDID MATTERS NOW!
AFTER ALL, IF MURDOCK IS FRIGHTENED, HE MAY NOT BE AT HIS BEST WHILE PLEADING FOR HIS CLIENT!

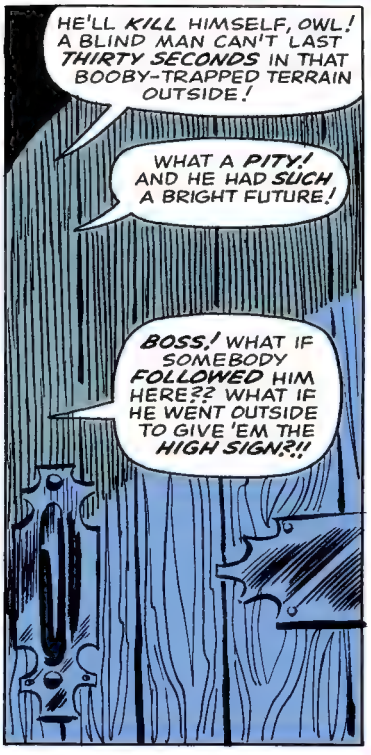

IF IT PLEASES THE COURT, I'D LIKE TO BE HEARD--!
SURE, RED--SURE! THAT'S WHAT YER HERE FOR! START TALKIN'!
IT'S NO CRIME FOR A JUDGE TO SENTENCE A PRISONER! MY CLIENT BROKE NO LAW!
THEREFORE, I MOVE THE JURY BE DISMISSED, AND THE DEFENDANT FREED, ON THE GROUNDS OF--
MOTION OVER-RULED! YOU ARE MISTAKEN, COUNSELOR--
IN THIS COURT-- PRESIDED OVER BY THE OWL-- I MAKE MY OWN LAWS!
I DECLARE IT ILLEGAL TO SENTENCE THE OWL TO PRISON--
--AND THE PUNISHMENT FOR THAT CRIME IS--DEATH!
THE OWL HIMSELF IS THE JUDGE--
--AND HIS OWN CUTTHROATS ARE THE JURY!
JUDGE LEWIS HASN'T A CHANCE--AND NEITHER DOES HIS TRAPPED ATTORNEY!
NOW, IF MURDOCK HAS FINISHED HIS DEFENSE, I'LL PASS SENTENCE--
LET ME CARRY IT OUT FOR YA, OWL! HE ONCE PUT ME AWAY IN STIR, ALSO!
NO! I WANT 'IM! YOU CAN POLISH MURDOCK OFF!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU'LL PAY FOR IT-- IN A REAL COURT-- WITH REAL JUSTICE!

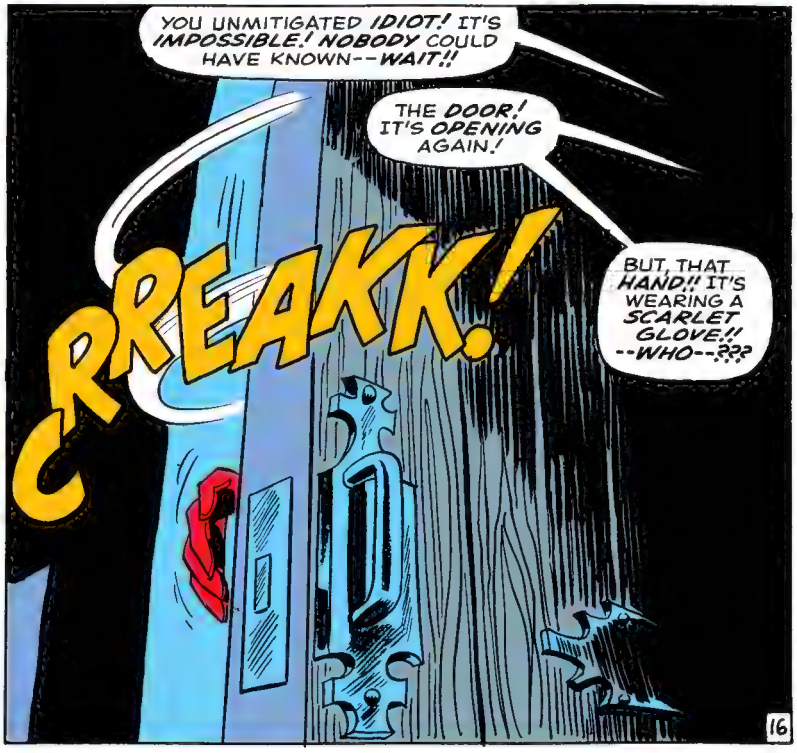
BACK, YOU BRAINLESS BLUNDERERS! YOU'RE RUINING EVERYTHING!
I DIDN'T FINISH SENTENCING HIM YET!
I TOLD YOU EVERY-THING MUST BE DONE BY THE BOOK!
WONK!
WITH MY BRAINS-- MY POWERS --MY STRENGTH --I NEED NONE OF YOU!
I MERELY LET YOU SERVE ME TO FEED MY OWN VANITY!
-FTOOF!-
BUT, I DEMAND UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE!! NEVER FORGET THAT!
THOP!
IF YOU WANT TO DO THIS "BY THE BOOK", OWL--YOU'LL DELAY PASSING SENTENCE!
I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY DEFENSE PLEA YET!
GOOD! GOOD! THE LONGER IT TAKES, THE MORE I'LL ENJOY YOUR PITIFUL PLEADING!
YOU MAY CONTINUE, COUNSELOR!
DON'T GIVE HIM THE SATIS-FACTION, MY BOY!
I MUST, JUDGE LEWIS!
SO LONG AS I CAN SPEAK-- WE HAVE A CHANCE!
DON'T BET ON IT, LAWYER MAN!
IF I COULD DEFEAT THE OWL-- HERE ON HIS OWN GROUNDS-- WITH ALL THE ODDS AGAINST ME-- IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST TRIUMPH OF MY CAREER!
BUT, HOW DO I SWAY A JURY WHICH IS HUNGRY FOR THE VERDICT OF-- DEATH?!!

THE CASTLE IS SO OLD, SO MOLDY-- I ALMOST HEAR IT GROAN BENEATH THE WEIGHT OF CENTURIES!
EVERY SO OFTEN, TINY, POWDER-LIKE GRAINS OF CRUMBLING GRANITE FALL ON ME FROM ABOVE!
IT'S LIKE A GRIM, GHOSTLY OMEN--!
FOR, IF I SHOULD FAIL, THEN ALL MY DREAMS OF JUSTICE WILL CRUMBLE INTO DUST AS WELL--
AND, THEY'LL LIE BURIED HERE-- FOREVER!
BUT, I WON'T FAIL! I'LL FIND A WAY TO SAVE MY CLIENT-- SOMEHOW!
WE'RE WAITING, MURDOCK! SPEAK YOUR PIECE SO THAT I CAN PASS SENTENCE UPON THE PRISONER!
DO YOU CLAIM THIS IS A REAL TRIAL, OWL?
OF COURSE I DO!
THEN I DEMAND THE RIGHT TO CALL A WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE!
NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
HE'S JUST STALLIN'! THERE AINT NO WITNESSES ON THIS ISLAND--AND HE KNOWS WE AINT LETTIN' HIM GO HOME TO FIND ANY!
I STILL SAY WE OUGHTTA FINISH 'EM OFF RIGHT NOW!
IT WON'T WORK, MURDOCK!
SPEAK YER PIECE NOW --OR WE'LL GIVE OUR VERDICT WITHOUT YA!
ORDER IN THE COURT!! ORDER, I SAY!
MURDOCK MAY CALL A WITNESS --PROVIDED HE CAN FIND ONE RIGHT HERE-- ON THIS ISLE!!
JUST AS I THOUGHT! YOU DON'T ALWAYS OBEY THE OWL!
GOOD THINKING, JUDGE LEWIS! THE OWL WILL HAVE TO DEFY HIS MEN IN ORDER TO PROVE HIS AUTHORITY!


HE THINKS HE'S CALLED MY BLUFF! SO FAR, SO GOOD!
WILL YOU HAVE SOMEONE HELP ME SEARCH FOR A WITNESS?
BUT, YOUR HONOR--I'M NOT ABLE TO SEE! THIS ISLAND IS STRANGE TO ME--!
THAT'S NOT THE DUTY OF THIS COURT! FIND HIM YOURSELF!
YOU HEARD THE JUDGE, MURDOCK! YOU WANT A WITNESS? GO FIND 'IM!!
THANKS, BOYS! THAT'S WHAT I HOPED YOU'D SAY!


AHH, I SEE YOU'RE FALTERINGLY MAKING YOUR WAY TO THE DOOR!
LET ME CAUTION YOU OF ONE THING, COUNSELOR--
AND, IF YOU ARE NOT BACK WITHIN FIVE MINUTES, I PASS SENTENCE! SO FAREWELL, MURDOCK--WATCH OUT FOR THE CRAGS, AND CREVICES, AND PITS OF QUAGMIRE WHICH SURROUND THE CASTLE!
THERE IS NO WAY TO ESCAPE THIS ISLE-- ESPECIALLY FOR A BLIND MAN!


HE'LL KILL HIMSELF, OWL! A BLIND MAN CAN'T LAST THIRTY SECONDS IN THAT BOOBY-TRAPPED TERRAIN OUTSIDE!
WHAT A PITY! AND HE HAD SUCH A BRIGHT FUTURE!
BOSS! WHAT IF SOMEBODY FOLLOWED HIM HERE?? WHAT IF HE WENT OUTSIDE TO GIVE 'EM THE HIGH SIGN?!!


YOU UNMITIGATED IDIOT! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NOBODY COULD HAVE KNOWN--WAIT!!
THE DOOR! IT'S OPENING AGAIN!
CRREAKK!
BUT, THAT HAND!! IT'S WEARING A SCARLET GLOVE!! --WHO--???

I THOUGHT MURDOCK WOULD NEVER GIVE ME THE SIGNAL! I WAS BEGINNING TO GROW IMPATIENT OUT THERE!
AND, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE SIGHTLESS ATTORNEY, GENTLEMEN--I MADE HIM COMFORTABLE IN A SAFE PLACE OUTSIDE!
SO NOW, I CAN GIVE YOU MY TESTIMONY-- UNDISTURBED! AND, I'LL PRESENT IT IN THE ONLY WAY YOU CRIME-HAPPY CRUMBS CAN UNDERSTAND--
--WITH THE FUN-FILLED FISTS OF EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE MAN WITHOUT FEAR--!
IT'S DAREDEVIL!! IT--IT ISN'T POSSIBLE-- BUT--IT'S HIM!!
I KINDA ENVY YOU FELLAS! YOU DON'T SEE A DARINGLY DRAMATIC SIGHT LIKE ME COMING YOUR WAY VERY OFTEN!
SO, ENJOY IT, BOYS-- WHILE YOU CAN!

I'LL STOP 'IM! I'LL--
-FTOOOPFF!-
WONK!
DON'T BE A PARTY POOP, CLYDE! I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR THIS!
SHOOT HIM!! HURRY-- SHOOT HIM!!
HOW? HE'S MOVIN' SO FAST WE CAN HARDLY SEE 'IM!
DON'T GET IMPATIENT, LADS!
I'LL TRY TO GIVE EACH ONE OF YOU HIS TURN!
BUT I'VE ONLY GOT TWO FEET!
BOK!
WOP!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS SPEED-- I'VE GOTTA KEEP THEM OFF-BALANCE!
AT LEAST THE JUDGE IS SAFE UNDER THE TABLE--FOR A WHILE!
KRAK!
DAREDEVIL!! WHERE DID HE COME FROM? HOW DID HE FIND US? AND--WHAT HAPPENED TO MURDOCK OUT THERE??
STOP HIM, YOU BLUNDERING BUNGLERS!! IF HE REACHES THE JUDGE, YOU'LL PAY WITH YOUR LIVES!
GOOD SHOW, BOYS! NOW, WHAT ELSE IS NEW?
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EVEN YOU AREN'T BULLET-PROOF, MASKED MAN!
CLICK!
SHUCKS, PLAYMATE! I WAS HOPING YOU WOULDN'T NOTICE!
THWIPPP!
HERE-- THIS'LL PROTECT YOU FROM THAT DRAFTY WINDOW!
WE WOULDN'T WANT A BIG, BAD GUNMAN TO CATCH A NASTY COLD, WOULD WE?
OKAY, WISE GUY--YOU HAD YOUR FUN!
NOW LAUGH THIS OFF--!
WELL, WELL! THE OWL'S ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE, EH? GLADDASEEYA!
WHIZZ
AWW! LOOK WHAT CLUMSY OL' ME DID!
BUT DON'T WORRY-- I'VE GOT SOME BAND AIDS WITH ME!
THIS IS INTOLORABLE!!
I'LL HAVE TO DEFEAT HIM MYSELF!
THWAK
EVEN DAREDEVIL CAN'T KEEP HIS BALANCE WITH SLIPPERY BILLIARD BALLS ROLLING BENEATH HIS FEET!
OH, BRO-THER! TRUER WORDS WERE NEVER SAID!
WITHOUT MY ROLLICKIN' REFLEXES, I'D BE A MIGHTY SORRY SWASH-BUCKLER!
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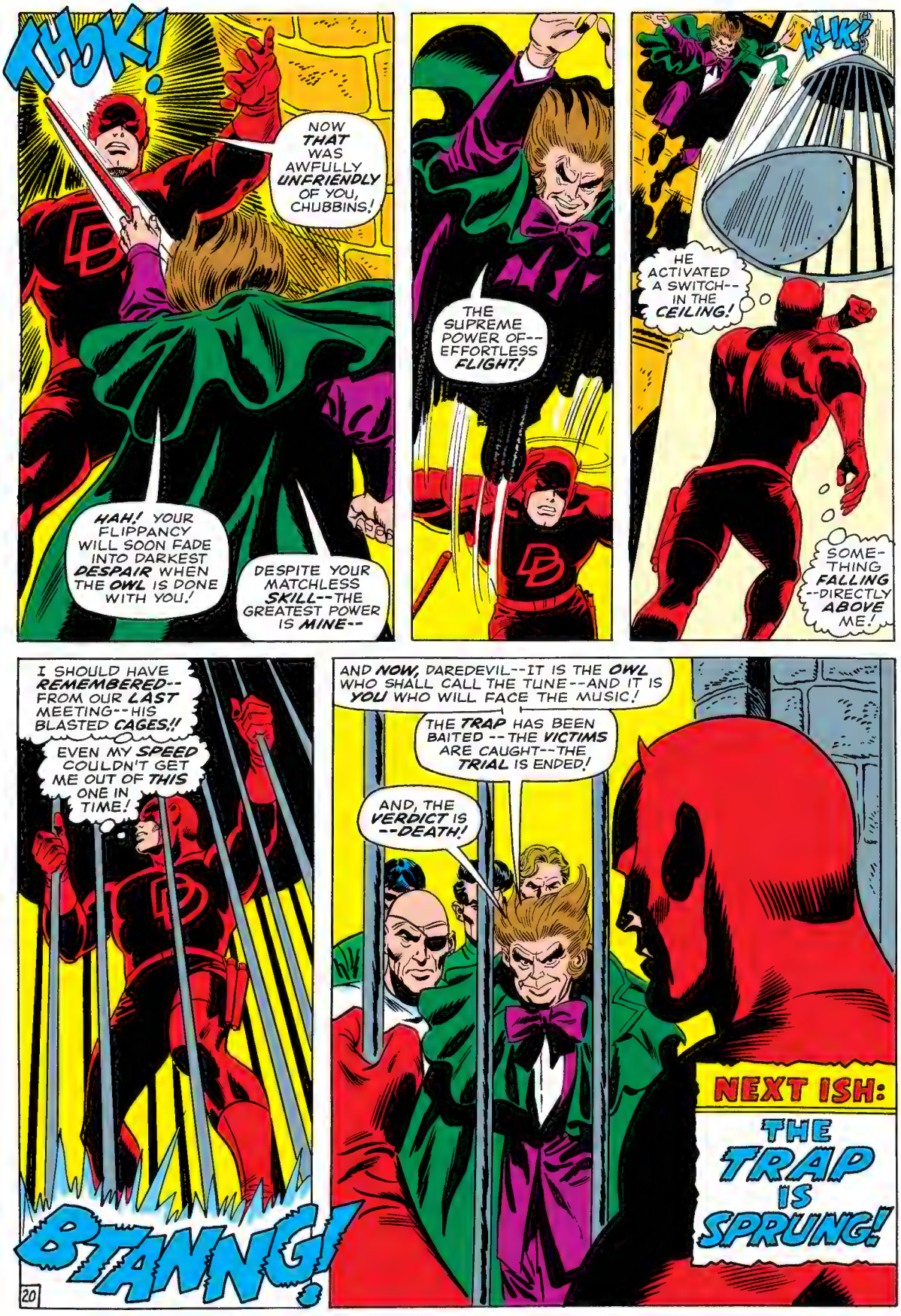
THOK!
NOW THAT WAS AWFULLY UNFRIENDLY OF YOU, CHUBBINS!
HAH! YOUR FLIPPANCY WILL SOON FADE INTO DARKEST DESPAIR WHEN THE OWL IS DONE WITH YOU!
DESPITE YOUR MATCHLESS SKILL--THE GREATEST POWER IS MINE--
THE SUPREME POWER OF--EFFORTLESS FLIGHT!
KLIK!
HE ACTIVATED A SWITCH--IN THE CEILING!
SOMETHING FALLING--DIRECTLY ABOVE ME!
I SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED--FROM OUR LAST MEETING--HIS BLASTED CAGES!!
EVEN MY SPEED COULDN'T GET ME OUT OF THIS ONE IN TIME!
BTANNG!
AND NOW, DAREDEVIL--IT IS THE OWL WHO SHALL CALL THE TUNE--AND IT IS YOU WHO WILL FACE THE MUSIC!
THE TRAP HAS BEEN BAITED--THE VICTIMS ARE CAUGHT--THE TRIAL IS ENDED!
AND, THE VERDICT IS --DEATH!
NEXT ISH:
THE TRAP IS SPRUNG!
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HERE COMES...
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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"THE TRAP IS SPRUNG"
NOW THAT I'VE CAUGHT YOU, DAREDEVIL--I WON'T MAKE THE FATAL MISTAKE OF GIVING YOU TIME TO FIND A MEANS OF ESCAPE!
PREPARE YOURSELF!! YOU'VE ONLY MINUTES TO LIVE!
THE BARS ARE UNBREAKABLE! I'M A SITTING DUCK IN HERE! BUT--I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING!!
SPELLBINDING SCRIPT: STAN LEE
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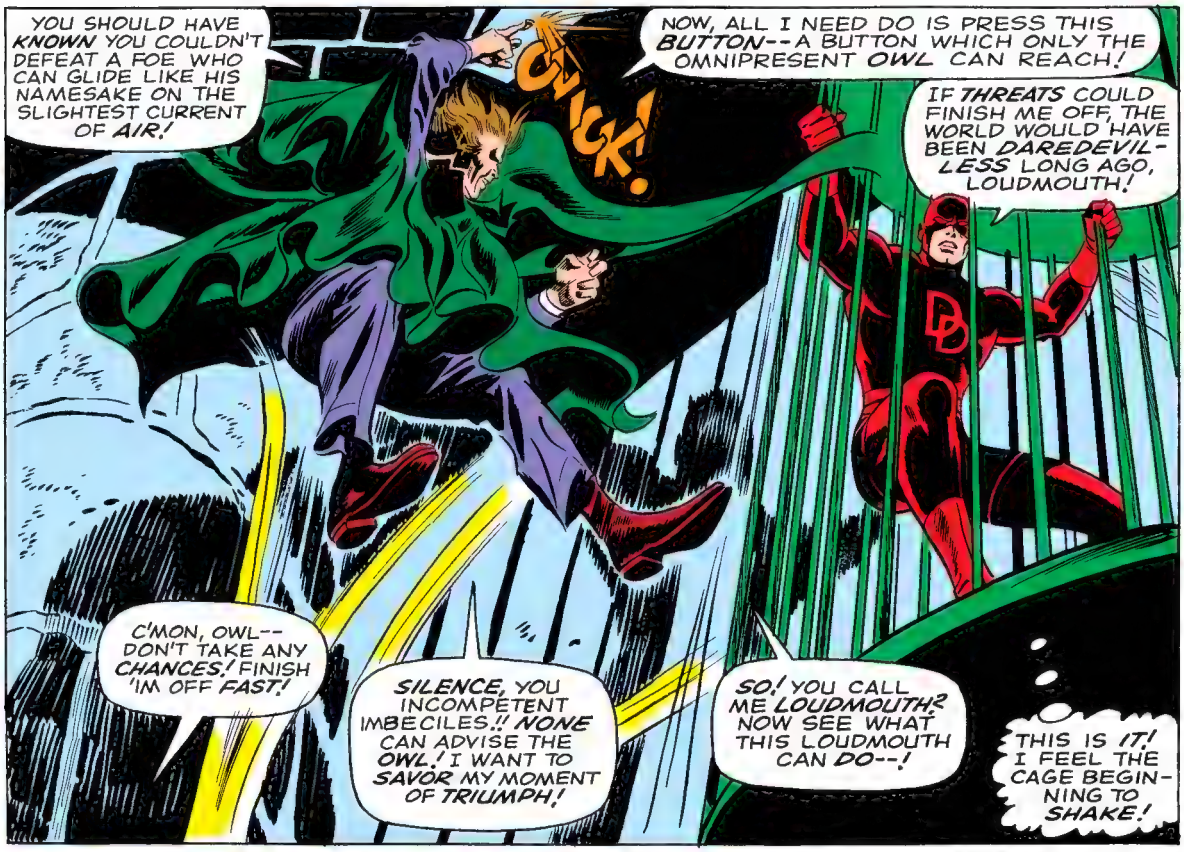
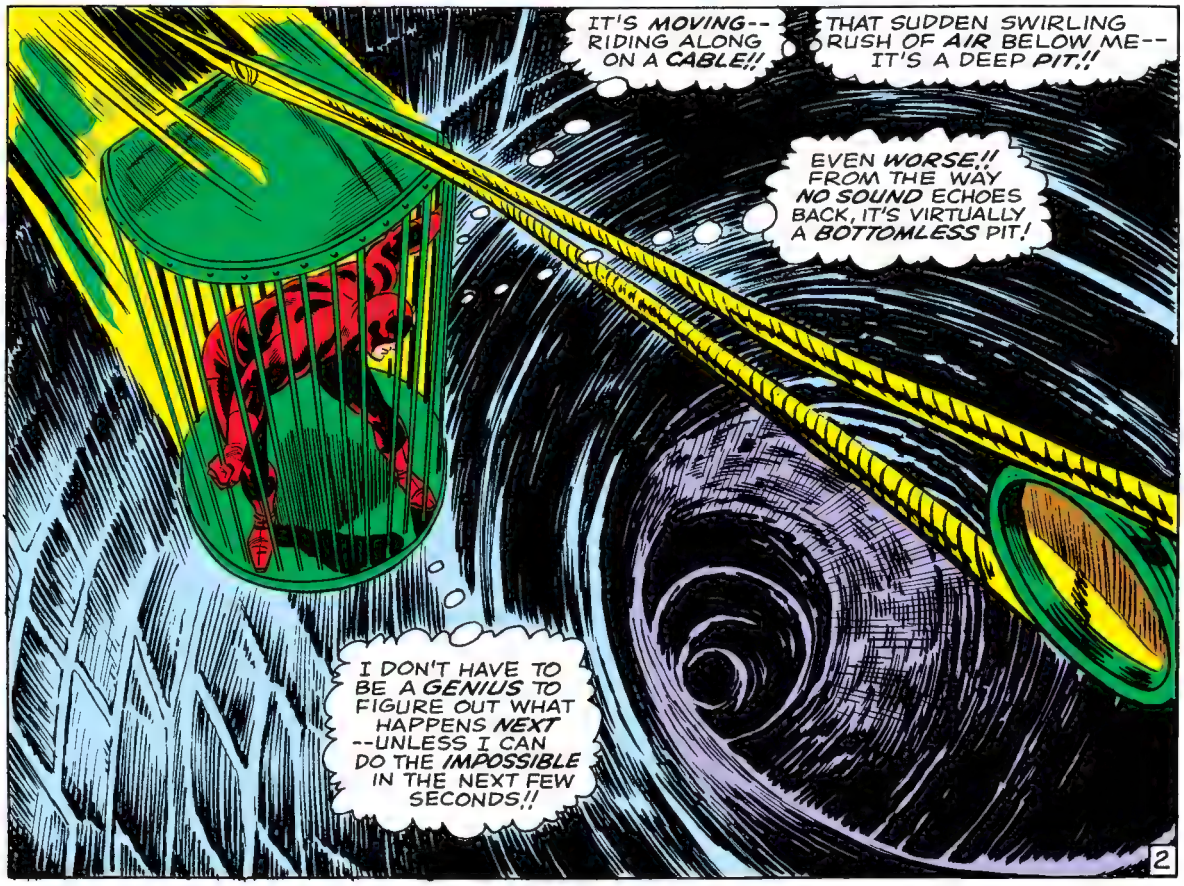
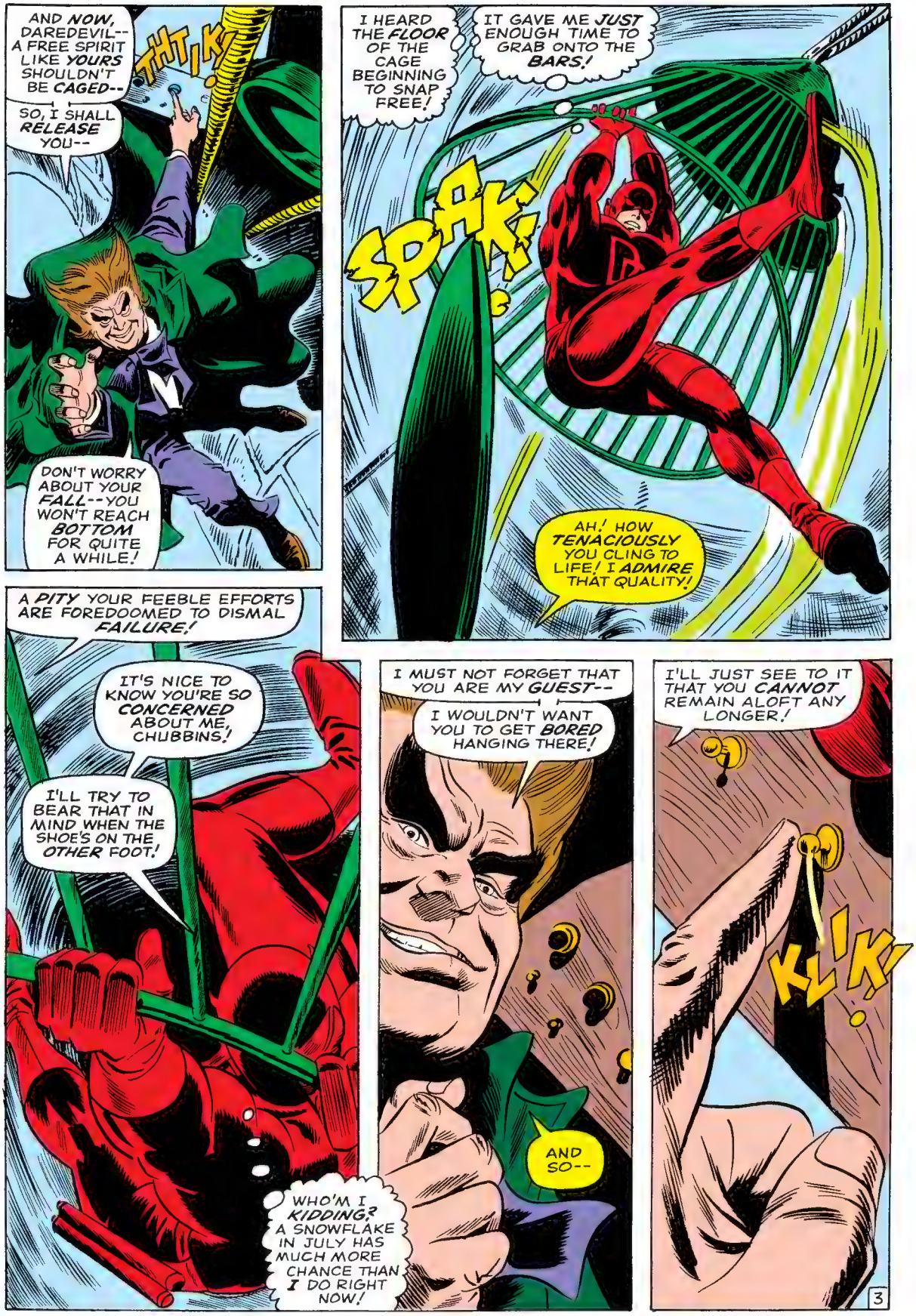
DYNAMIC DELINEATION: FEARLESS FRANK • DARLIN' DICK • WILD BILL
LAUDATORY LETTERING: ARTIE SIMEK
BOMBASTIC BIRD-WATCHING: IRVING FORBUSH
LAST ISH, WE SAW MATT MURDOCK FORCED BY THE OMNIVOROUS OWL TO SERVE AS DEFENSE ATTORNEY AT THE PREPOSTEROUS TRIAL OF THE OWL'S CAPTIVE, EX-JUDGE LEWIS--A TRIAL WHEREIN THE OWL AND HIS CUTTHROATS WERE JUDGE AND JURY! SWIFTLY, SECRETLY CHANGING INTO DAREDEVIL, MATT SUDDENLY FINDS HIMSELF TRAPPED! AND NOW, LITERATURE LOVER, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN--


YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU COULDN'T DEFEAT A FOE WHO CAN GLIDE LIKE HIS NAMESAKE ON THE SLIGHTEST CURRENT OF AIR!
CLICK!
NOW, ALL I NEED DO IS PRESS THIS BUTTON--A BUTTON WHICH ONLY THE OMNIPRESENT OWL CAN REACH!
IF THREATS COULD FINISH ME OFF, THE WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN DAREDEVIL-LESS LONG AGO, LOUDMOUTH!
C'MON, OWL--DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! FINISH 'IM OFF FAST!
SILENCE, YOU INCOMPETENT IMBECILES!! NONE CAN ADVISE THE OWL! I WANT TO SAVOR MY MOMENT OF TRIUMPH!
SO! YOU CALL ME LOUDMOUTH? NOW SEE WHAT THIS LOUDMOUTH CAN DO--!
THIS IS IT! I FEEL THE CAGE BEGINNING TO SHAKE!


IT'S MOVING--RIDING ALONG ON A CABLE!!
THAT SUDDEN SWIRLING RUSH OF AIR BELOW ME--IT'S A DEEP PIT!!
EVEN WORSE!! FROM THE WAY NO SOUND ECHOES BACK, IT'S VIRTUALLY A BOTTOMLESS PIT!
I DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT --UNLESS I CAN DO THE IMPOSSIBLE IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!!


AND NOW, DAREDEVIL--A FREE SPIRIT LIKE YOURS SHOULDN'T BE CAGED--
SO, I SHALL RELEASE YOU--
THIK!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR FALL--YOU WON'T REACH BOTTOM FOR QUITE A WHILE!
I HEARD THE FLOOR OF THE CAGE BEGINNING TO SNAP FREE!
IT GAVE ME JUST ENOUGH TIME TO GRAB ONTO THE BARS!
SPAK!
AH! HOW TENACIOUSLY YOU CLING TO LIFE! I ADMIRE THAT QUALITY!
A PITY YOUR FEEBLE EFFORTS ARE FOREDOOMED TO DISMAL FAILURE!
IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT ME, CHUBBINS!
I'LL TRY TO BEAR THAT IN MIND WHEN THE SHOE'S ON THE OTHER FOOT!
WHO'M I KIDDING? A SNOWFLAKE IN JULY HAS MUCH MORE CHANCE THAN I DO RIGHT NOW!
I MUST NOT FORGET THAT YOU ARE MY GUEST--
I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO GET BORED HANGING THERE!
AND SO--
I'LL JUST SEE TO IT THAT YOU CANNOT REMAIN ALOFT ANY LONGER!
KLIK!
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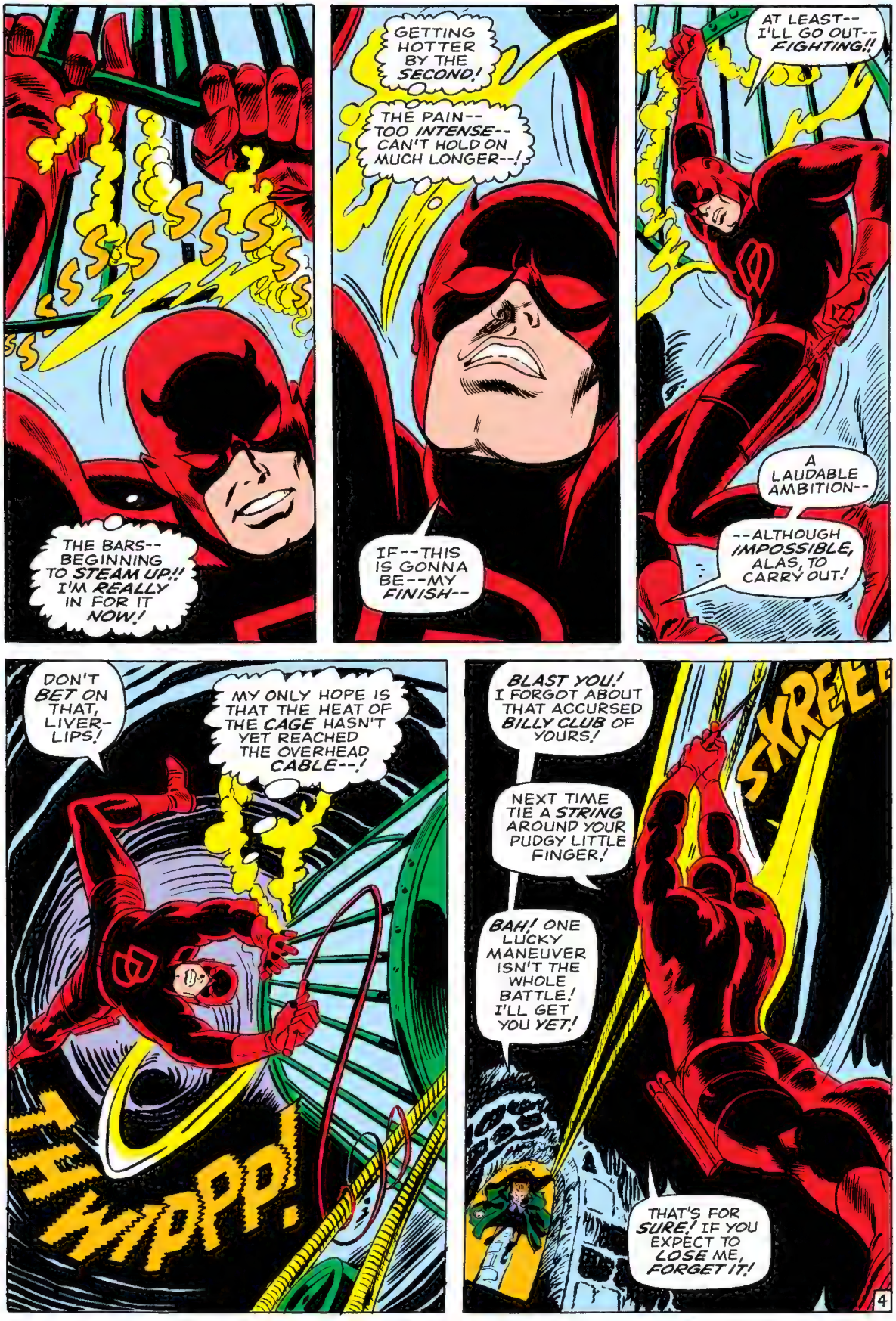
THE BARS-- BEGINNING TO STEAM UP!! I'M REALLY IN FOR IT NOW!
GETTING HOTTER BY THE SECOND!
THE PAIN-- TOO INTENSE-- CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER--!
IF--THIS IS GONNA BE--MY FINISH--
AT LEAST-- I'LL GO OUT-- FIGHTING!!
A LAUDABLE AMBITION--
--ALTHOUGH IMPOSSIBLE, ALAS, TO CARRY OUT!
DON'T BET ON THAT, LIVER-LIPS!
MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT THE HEAT OF THE CAGE HASN'T YET REACHED THE OVERHEAD CABLE--!
WHPPP!
BLAST YOU! I FORGOT ABOUT THAT ACCURSED BILLY CLUB OF YOURS!
NEXT TIME TIE A STRING AROUND YOUR PUDGY LITTLE FINGER!
BAH! ONE LUCKY MANEUVER ISN'T THE WHOLE BATTLE! I'LL GET YOU YET!
SKREE
THAT'S FOR SURE! IF YOU EXPECT TO LOSE ME, FORGET IT!
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HE'S TRYING TO GET AWAY! I HEAR HIS CLOAK RUSTLING AS HE SWOOPS DOWN BELOW ME!
SHOOOM!
HEY, OWL--WAIT UP FOR A FELLA! I'M STILL YOUR GUEST--REMEMBER?
SCATTER, YOU FOOLS! DAREDEVIL'S FREE--BUT HE CAN'T FIGHT US ALL!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! USE YOUR GUNS!
REMEMBER--YOU CAN'T LOSE! THE OWL IS LEADING YOU!
THAT WAS AN INSPIRING PEP TALK, TUBBY!
AND NOW, PLAYMATES --TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!
HE'S ONLY ONE GUY!! WHAT'RE WE RUNNIN' FOR?
MAYBE YOU JUST LIKE THE EXERCISE!
IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN LEADING A SEDENTARY LIFE--DON'TCHA THINK?
BTOK
WON'T TALK, EH? VERY RUDE OF YOU!
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STAY BACK, YOU COSTUMED CLOWN! I'M WARNING YOU-- STAY BACK!
NOW DON'T THINK I'M NOT GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WARNING, NEIGHBOR-- BUT--
A FELLA CAN'T RISE TO THE TOP OF THIS SUPER-HERO BUSINESS WITHOUT TAKING SOME CHANCES!
BAKKA BAK
SEE WHAT I MEAN, CHUCKLES?
I HEAR TWO OF HIS MEN--COMING UP BEHIND ME!
HAVE TO MOVE FAST!
IF MY LITTLE CORD IS TOO TIGHT AROUND YOUR LEG, I'LL YANK IT AWAY!
DON'T WANT MY HOST TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE!
ZIP
LOOK WHAT HE'S DOIN' TO THE BOSS!
LET'S GIT 'IM,!!
QUICK-- BEFORE HE TURNS AROUND!
DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD SNEAK UP ON ME, DID YOU??!
I'M SURPRISED AT YOU BOYS!
WHAT'S HE DOIN' NOW?
LOOK OUT!! HE'S SPINNIN' THE OWL RIGHT INTO US--!
AWW! I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D NOTICE!
WHUNGG!
HE AINT EVEN HUMAN!
HE'S GOT EYES IN BACK OF HIS HEAD!
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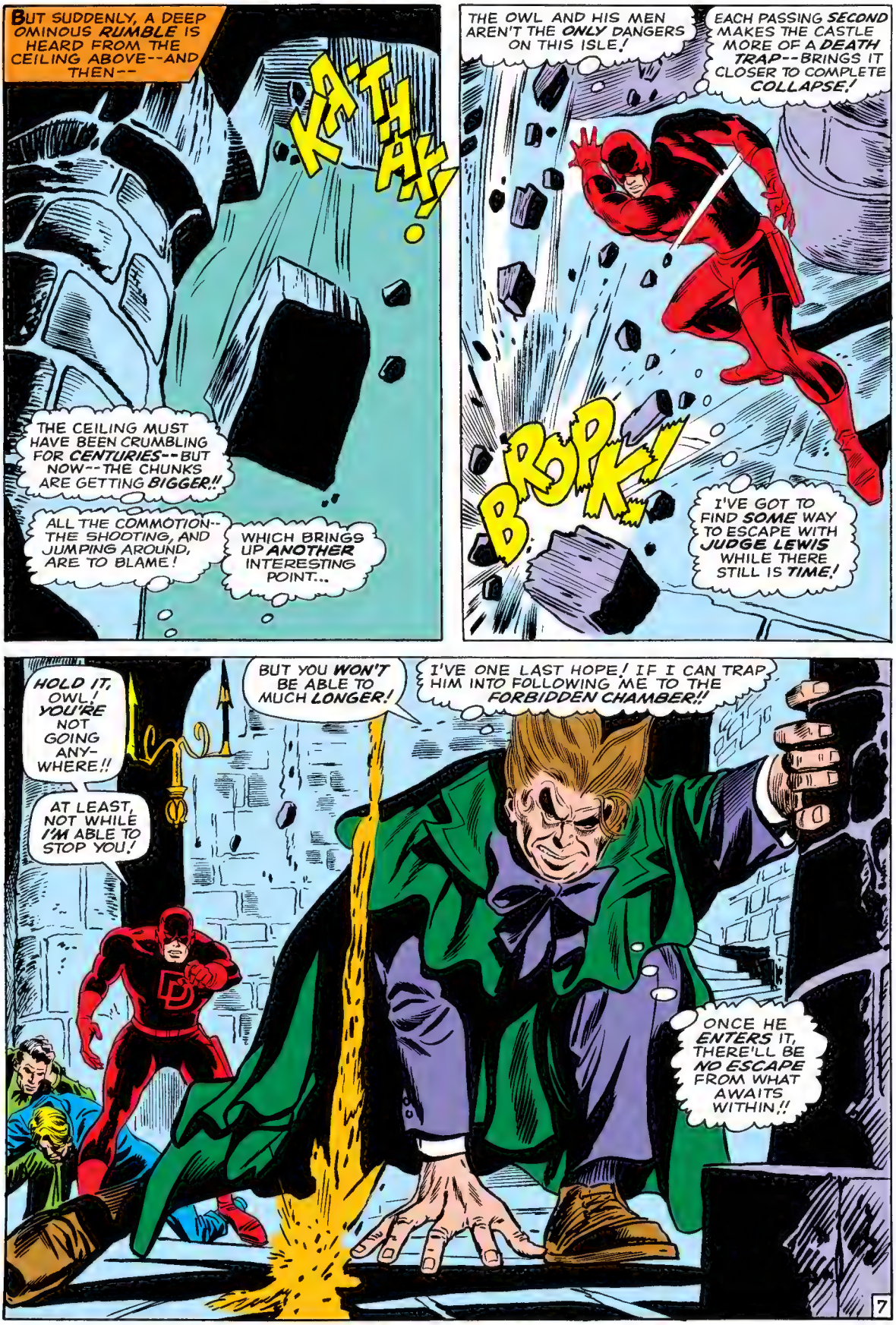
BUT SUDDENLY, A DEEP OMINOUS RUMBLE IS HEARD FROM THE CEILING ABOVE--AND THEN--
KA-THAK!
THE CEILING MUST HAVE BEEN CRUMBLING FOR CENTURIES--BUT NOW--THE CHUNKS ARE GETTING BIGGER!!
ALL THE COMMOTION--THE SHOOTING, AND JUMPING AROUND, ARE TO BLAME!
WHICH BRINGS UP ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT...
THE OWL AND HIS MEN AREN'T THE ONLY DANGERS ON THIS ISLE!
EACH PASSING SECOND MAKES THE CASTLE MORE OF A DEATH TRAP--BRINGS IT CLOSER TO COMPLETE COLLAPSE!
BROOK!
I'VE GOT TO FIND SOME WAY TO ESCAPE WITH JUDGE LEWIS WHILE THERE STILL IS TIME!
HOLD IT, OWL! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!!
AT LEAST, NOT WHILE I'M ABLE TO STOP YOU!
BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MUCH LONGER!
I'VE ONE LAST HOPE! IF I CAN TRAP HIM INTO FOLLOWING ME TO THE FORBIDDEN CHAMBER!!
ONCE HE ENTERS IT, THERE'LL BE NO ESCAPE FROM WHAT AWAITS WITHIN!!
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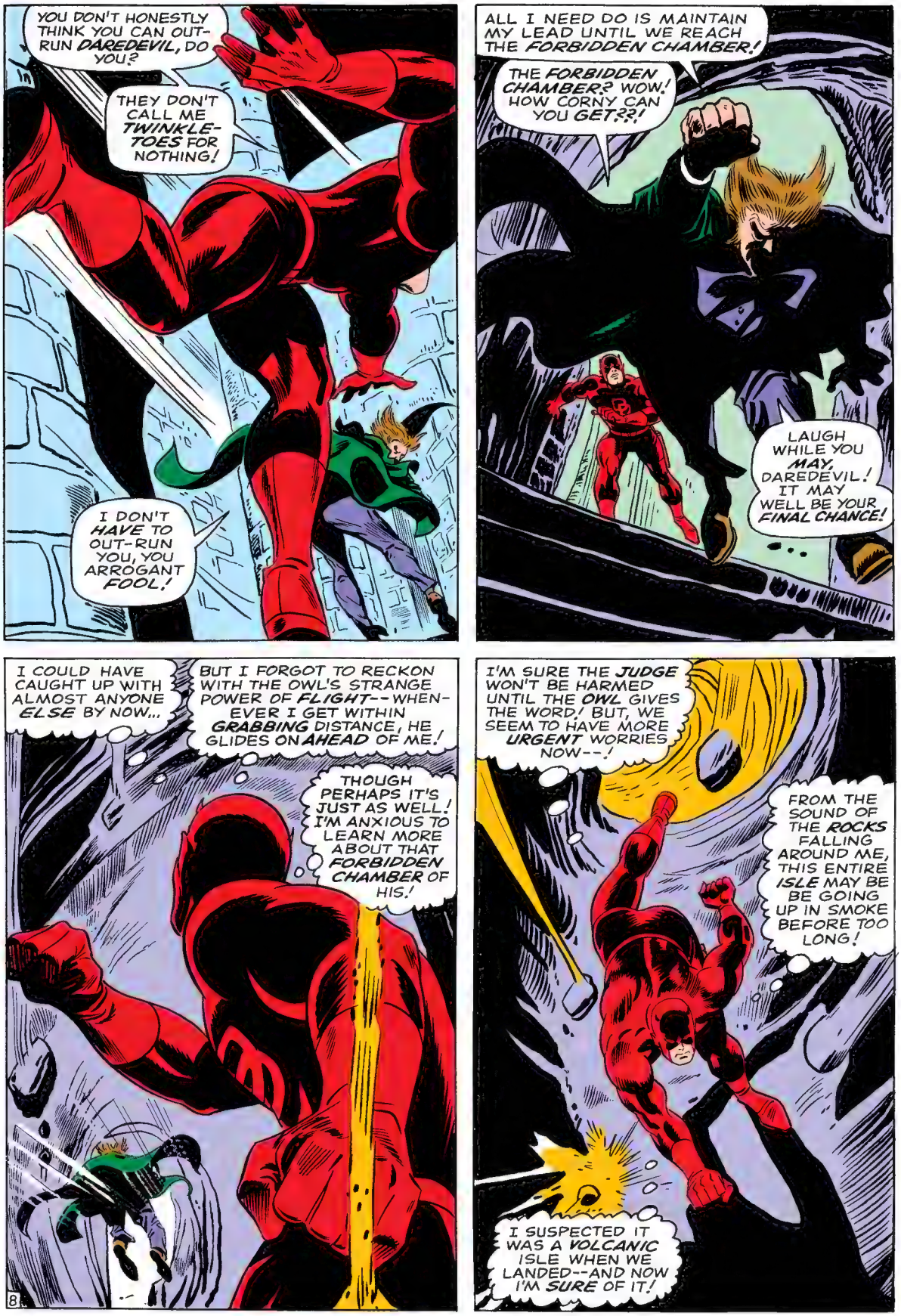
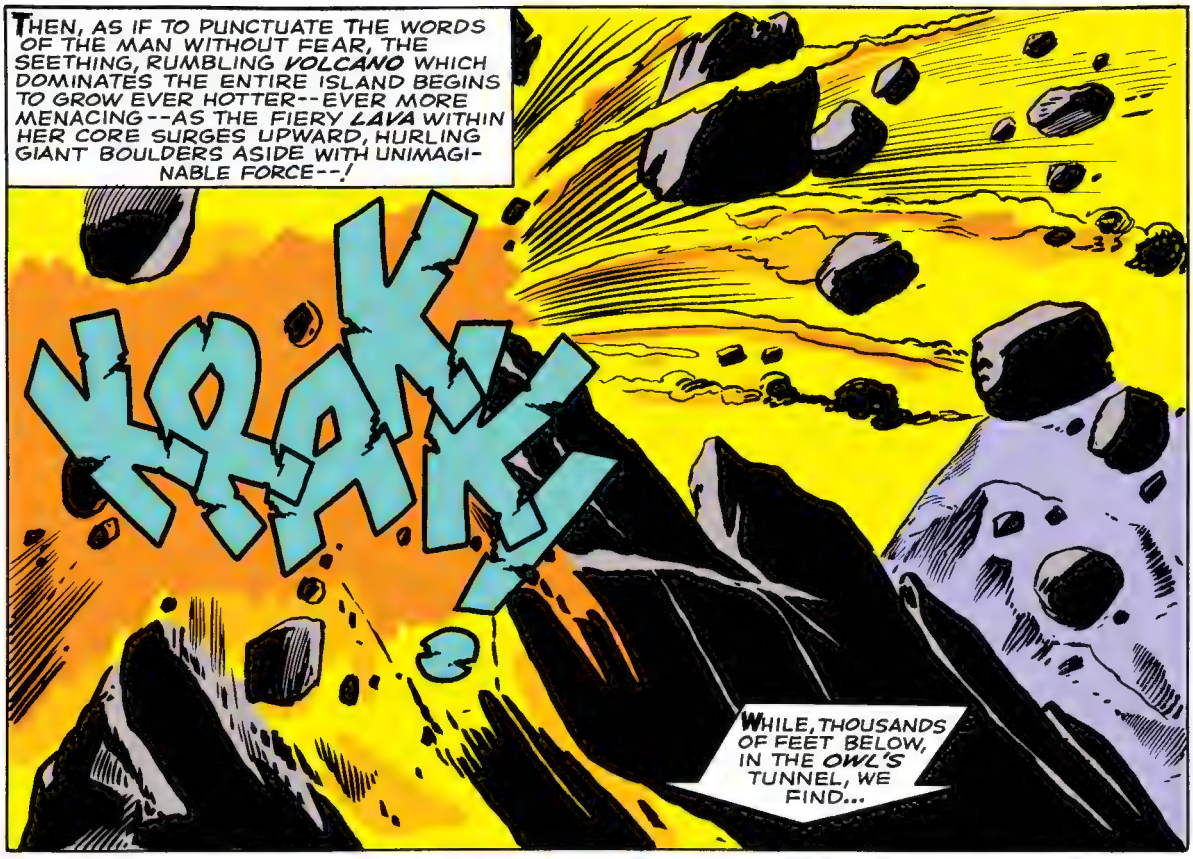
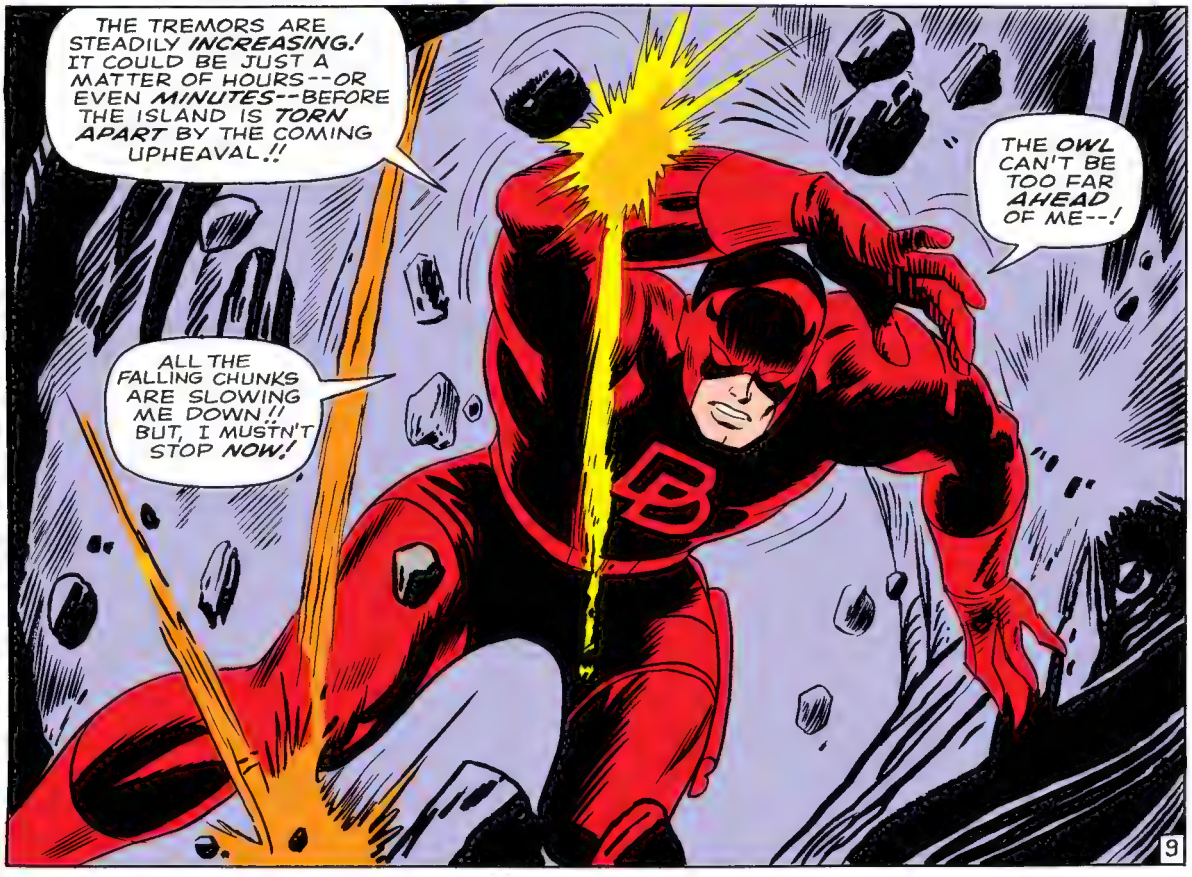
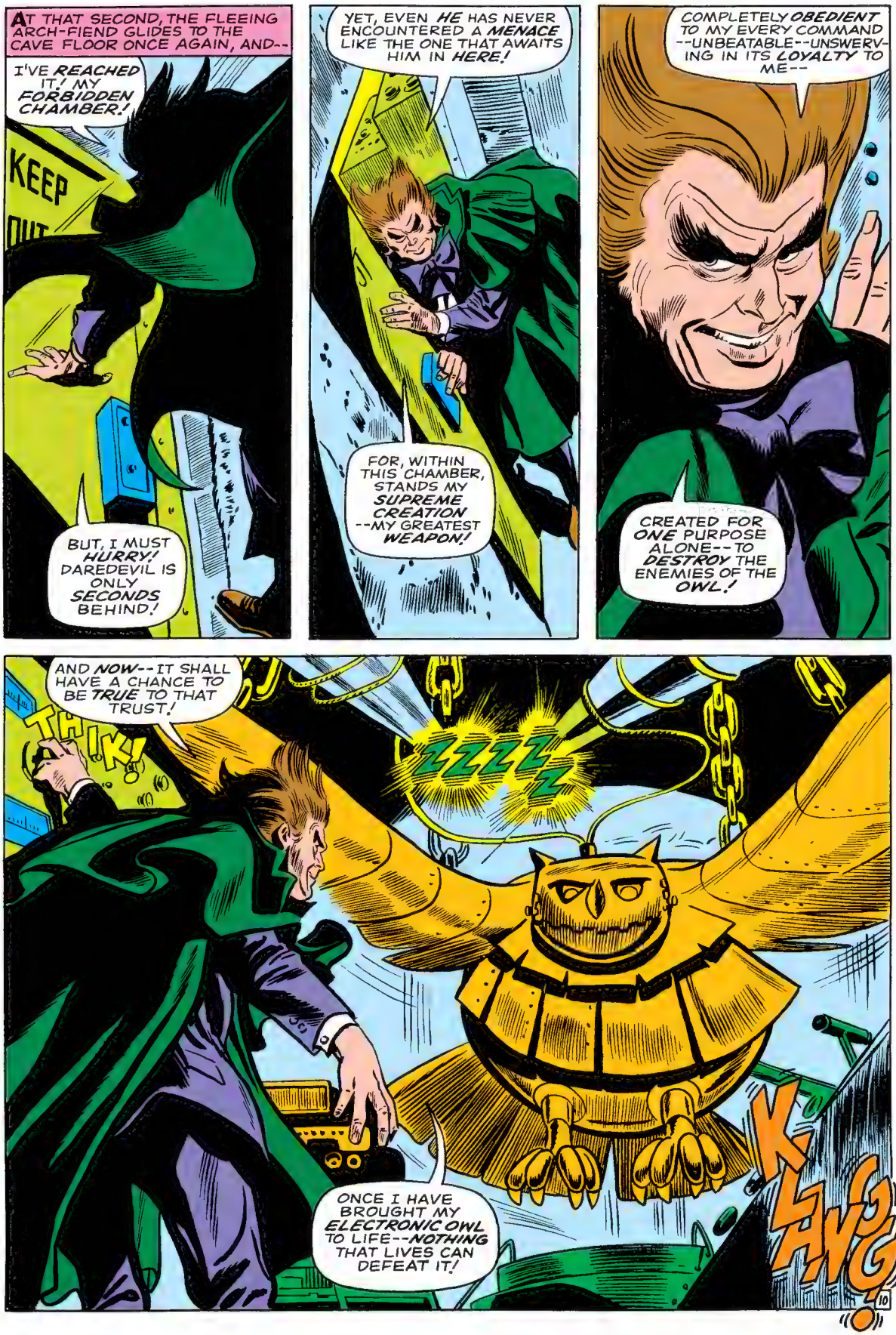

YOU DON'T HONESTLY THINK YOU CAN OUT-RUN DAREDEVIL, DO YOU?
THEY DON'T CALL ME TWINKLE-TOES FOR NOTHING!
I DON'T HAVE TO OUT-RUN YOU, YOU ARROGANT FOOL!
ALL I NEED DO IS MAINTAIN MY LEAD UNTIL WE REACH THE FORBIDDEN CHAMBER!
THE FORBIDDEN CHAMBER? WOW! HOW CORNY CAN YOU GET?!?!
LAUGH WHILE YOU MAY, DAREDEVIL! IT MAY WELL BE YOUR FINAL CHANCE!
I COULD HAVE CAUGHT UP WITH ALMOST ANYONE ELSE BY NOW...
BUT I FORGOT TO RECKON WITH THE OWL'S STRANGE POWER OF FLIGHT--WHENEVER I GET WITHIN GRABBING DISTANCE, HE GLIDES ON AHEAD OF ME!
THOUGH PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL! I'M ANXIOUS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT FORBIDDEN CHAMBER OF HIS!
I'M SURE THE JUDGE WON'T BE HARMED UNTIL THE OWL GIVES THE WORD! BUT, WE SEEM TO HAVE MORE URGENT WORRIES NOW--!
FROM THE SOUND OF THE ROCKS FALLING AROUND ME, THIS ENTIRE ISLE MAY BE BE GOING UP IN SMOKE BEFORE TOO LONG!
I SUSPECTED IT WAS A VOLCANIC ISLE WHEN WE LANDED--AND NOW I'M SURE OF IT!


THEN, AS IF TO PUNCTUATE THE WORDS OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR, THE SEETHING, RUMBLING VOLCANO WHICH DOMINATES THE ENTIRE ISLAND BEGINS TO GROW EVER HOTTER--EVER MORE MENACING--AS THE FIERY LAVA WITHIN HER CORE SURGES UPWARD, HURLING GIANT BOULDERS ASIDE WITH UNIMAGINABLE FORCE--!
KRAK!
WHILE, THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW, IN THE OWL'S TUNNEL, WE FIND...


THE TREMORS ARE STEADILY INCREASING! IT COULD BE JUST A MATTER OF HOURS--OR EVEN MINUTES--BEFORE THE ISLAND IS TORN APART BY THE COMING UPHEAVAL!!
THE OWL CAN'T BE TOO FAR AHEAD OF ME--!
ALL THE FALLING CHUNKS ARE SLOWING ME DOWN!! BUT, I MUSTN'T STOP NOW!


AT THAT SECOND, THE FLEEING ARCH-FIEND GLIDES TO THE CAVE FLOOR ONCE AGAIN, AND--
I'VE REACHED IT! MY FORBIDDEN CHAMBER!
KEEP
BUT, I MUST HURRY! DAREDEVIL IS ONLY SECONDS BEHIND!
YET, EVEN HE HAS NEVER ENCOUNTERED A MENACE LIKE THE ONE THAT AWAITS HIM IN HERE!
FOR, WITHIN THIS CHAMBER, STANDS MY SUPREME CREATION --MY GREATEST WEAPON!
COMPLETELY OBEDIENT TO MY EVERY COMMAND --UNBEATABLE--UNSWERVING IN ITS LOYALTY TO ME--
CREATED FOR ONE PURPOSE ALONE-- TO DESTROY THE ENEMIES OF THE OWL!
AND NOW--IT SHALL HAVE A CHANCE TO BE TRUE TO THAT TRUST!
THIK!
ZZZZZ
ONCE I HAVE BROUGHT MY ELECTRONIC OWL TO LIFE--NOTHING THAT LIVES CAN DEFEAT IT!
KLANG!
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WHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CASTLE, WE FIND--
THE OWL--AND DAREDEVIL! WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM?? WHERE CAN THEY BE?
AND--WHAT OF MATT MURDOCK?? WHERE IS HE?
I DON'T LIKE IT! THAT BLASTED VOLCANO'S BEEN GETTIN' LOUDER 'N LOUDER! IT AINT SAFE AROUND HERE!
WE CAN'T LEAVE TILL THE OWL SAYS SO--'N YOU KNOW IT!
SINCE YOU MENTION THAT, WHERE ON EARTH IS THE OWL?
HE HEADED FOR WHAT HE CALLS HIS FORBIDDEN CHAMBER!
HE'S GOT SOME KINDA GIANT, MECHANICAL OWL IN THERE! IT'S THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IN THE WHOLE BLAMED WORLD!
IF HE GETS DAREDEVIL TO GO IN THERE, IT'LL BE BYE-BYE, D.D.!
THUS, WITH THAT RATHER SOBERING THOUGHT IN MIND, WE RETURN TO OUR SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER--
I'VE REACHED THE END OF THE TUNNEL! THERE'S AN IRON DOOR JUST AHEAD!
BUT, EVEN MY RADAR SENSE CAN'T TELL ME WHAT'S BEHIND THE DOOR!
ANYWAY, ONE THING'S FOR SURE--THE SHOWDOWN CAN'T BE FAR OFF!
THE OWL PROBABLY WANTS ME TO PRESS THIS BUTTON!
AND FAR BE IT FROM DAREDEVIL TO DISAPPOINT HIM!
BUZZ
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THEN, IN ONE SUDDEN, BLINDING FLASH OF CLARITY, DAREDEVIL'S ASTOUNDING RADAR SENSE REVEALS THE HUGE, MECHANICAL WINGED MENACE WHICH RISES OFF ITS PEDESTAL AS ITS CHORTLING MASTER MANIPULATES A COMPLEX, ELECTRONIC CONTROL PANEL--
COME IN, YOU FUMBLING FOOL! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! IN FACT, AS YOU CAN SEE--I'VE ARRANGED A MOST INTERESTING WELCOME FOR YOU!
A GIGANTIC ROBOT BIRD--ARMORED AND DEADLY! NO WONDER THE OWL WANTED TO LURE ME HERE!
KLIK!
SSSHHHHH

ORIGINALLY, I MERELY WANTED REVENGE UPON JUDGE LEWIS, FOR SENTENCING ME TO JAIL!
BUT, YOU HAVE PROVIDED A STILL GREATER TRIUMPH FOR ME!
YOUR DEATH IS NOW ASSURED!
BIG DEAL! NOBODY LIVES FOREVER!
YOU CANNOT BLUFF YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS, DAREDEVIL!
MY MECHANICAL OWL IS EAGER FOR HIS VICTIM!
KLANG!
KLACK!
HE'S NOT KIDDING! IT'S HEADING RIGHT TOWARDS ME!
MOVE, D.D.-- MOVE!
KLANG!
WHOOSH!
WHEW! NOT A SECOND TOO SOON!
HOW CAN ANYTHING SO BIG--AND SO HEAVY--SWOOP DOWN SO FAST?
KLANG! KLUNK!
ONE LUCKY THING-- IT'S SO NOISY, I CAN'T MISS IT!
BUT, HOW IN THE NAME OF PERRY MASON AM I GONNA FIGHT A THING LIKE THAT??!
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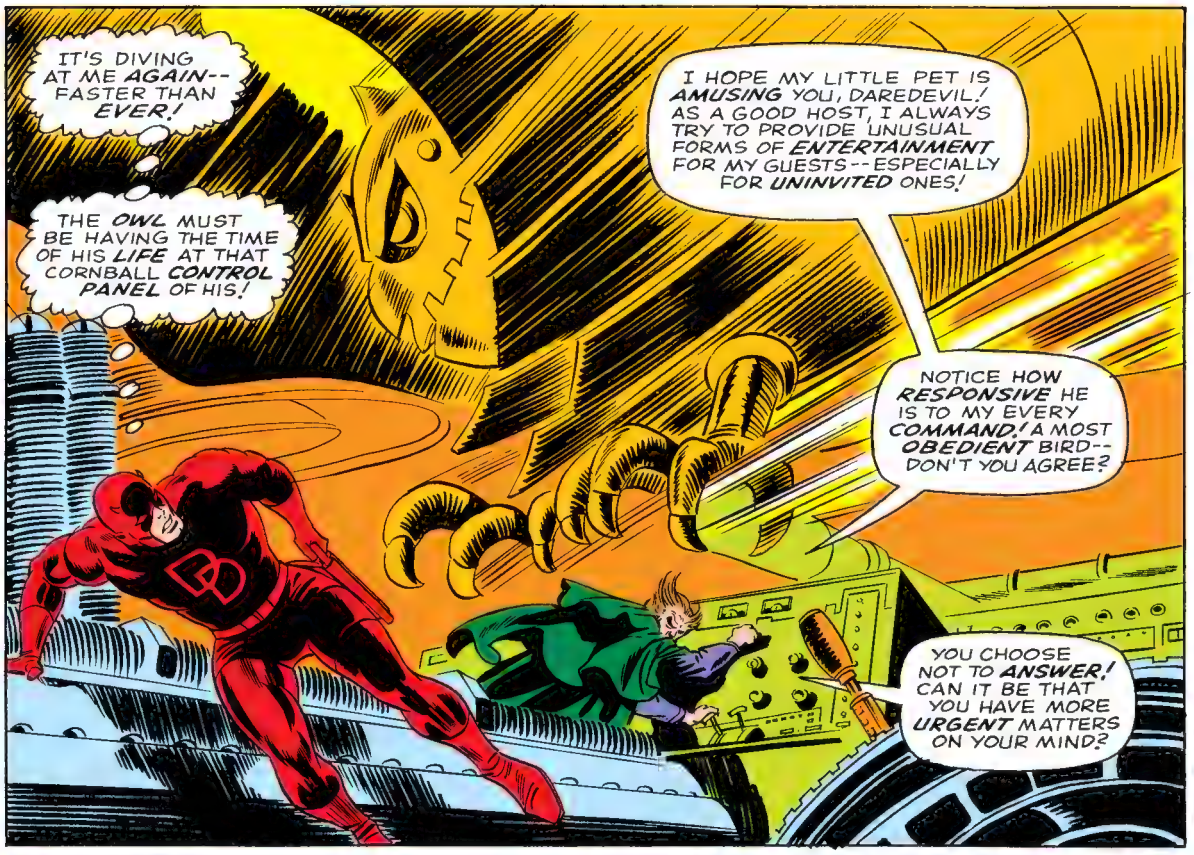
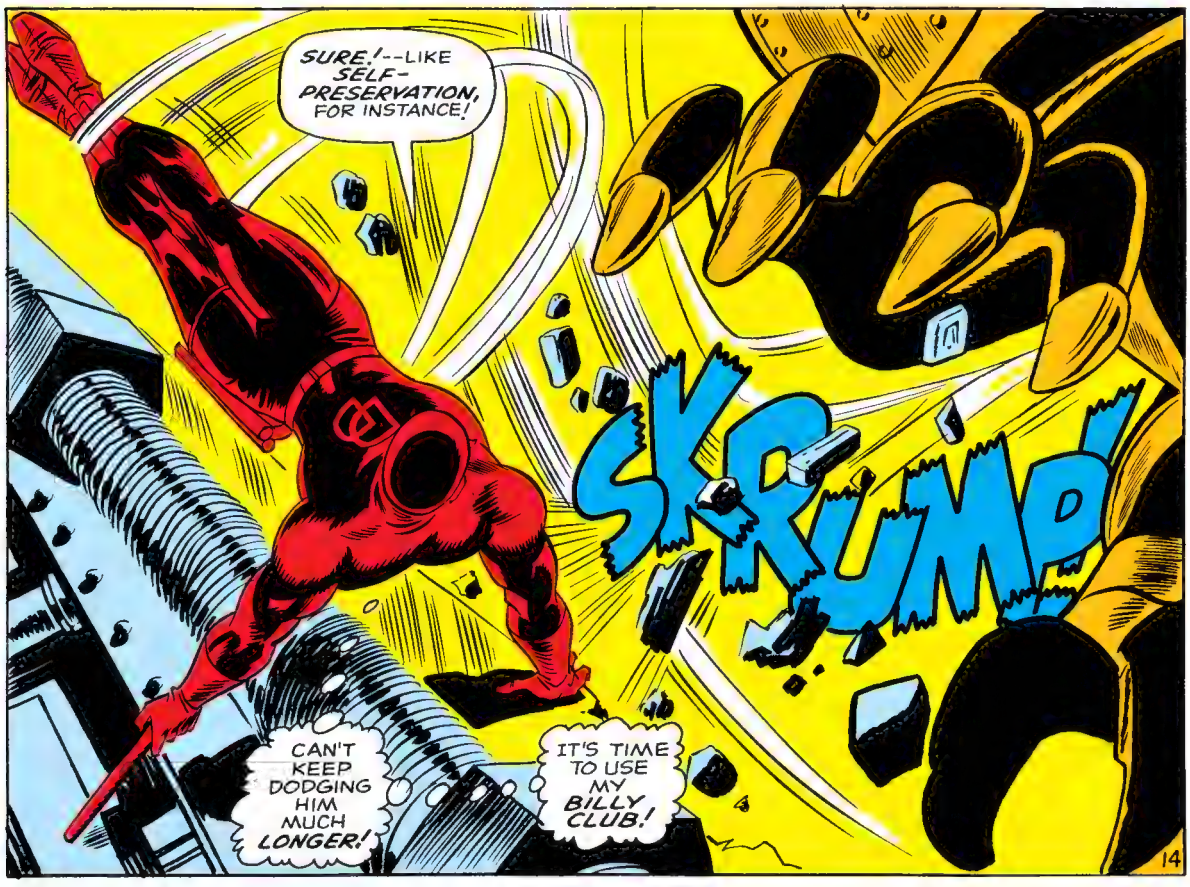
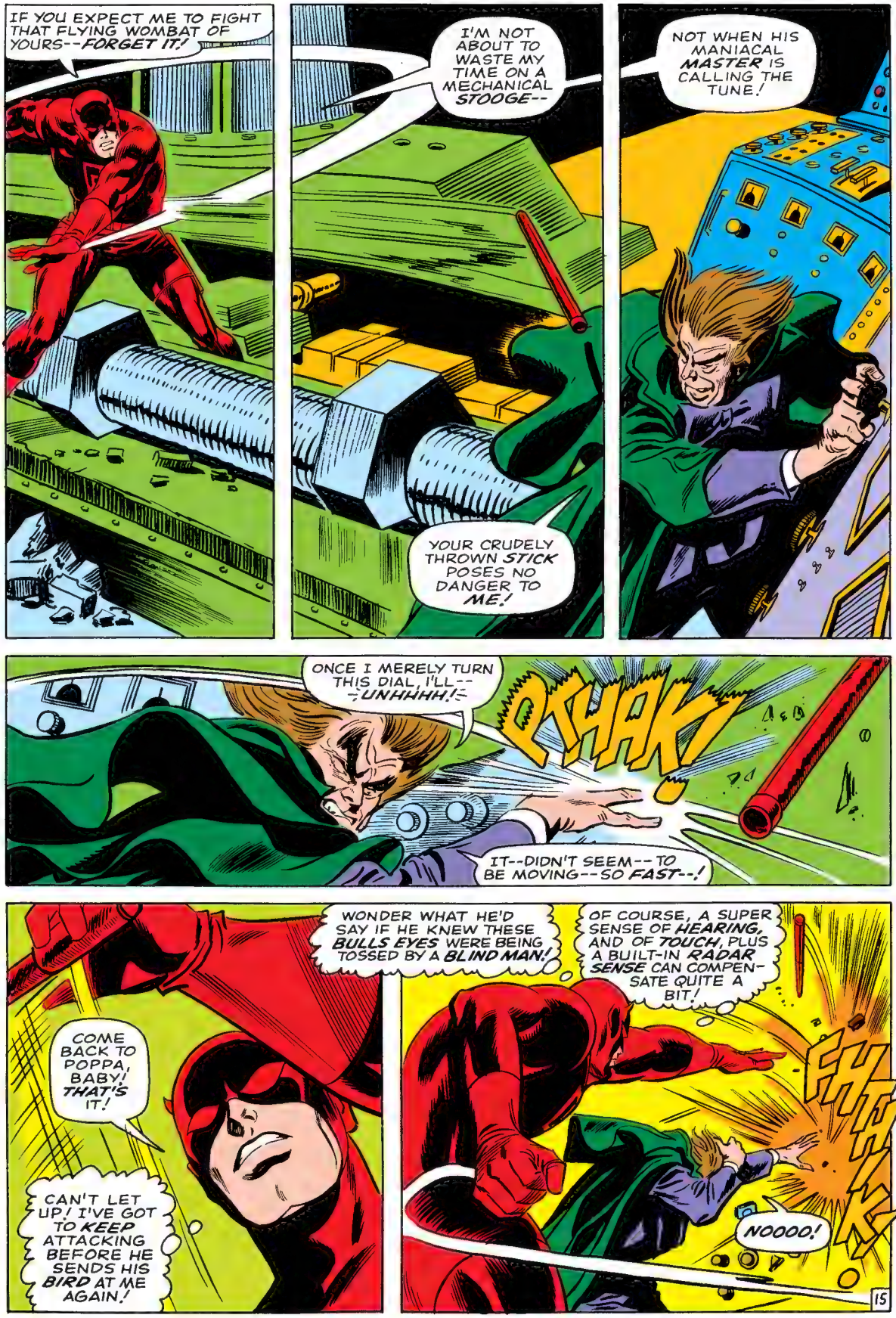
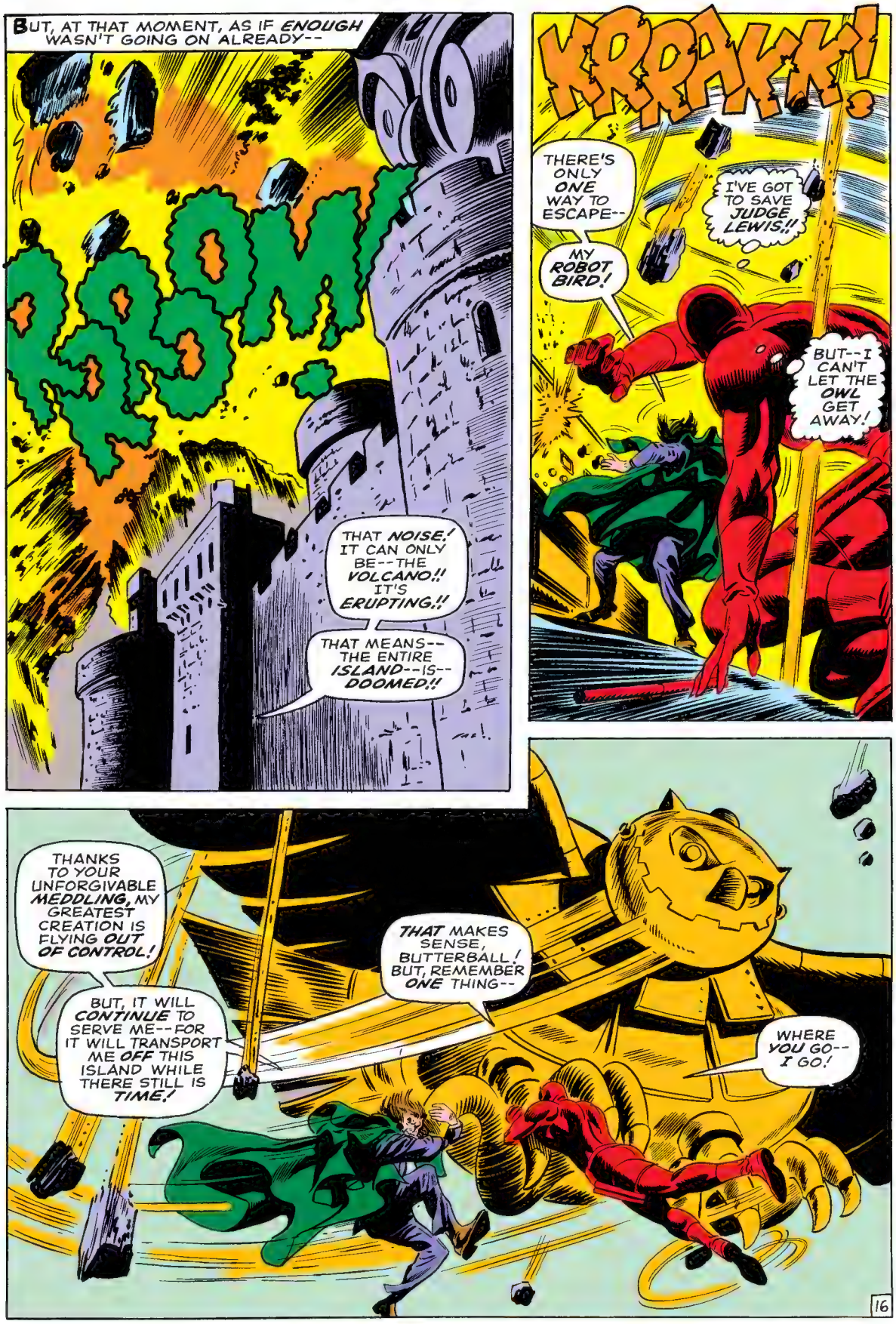

IT'S DIVING AT ME AGAIN-- FASTER THAN EVER!
THE OWL MUST BE HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE AT THAT CORNBALL CONTROL PANEL OF HIS!
I HOPE MY LITTLE PET IS AMUSING YOU, DAREDEVIL! AS A GOOD HOST, I ALWAYS TRY TO PROVIDE UNUSUAL FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR MY GUESTS--ESPECIALLY FOR UNINVITED ONES!
NOTICE HOW RESPONSIVE HE IS TO MY EVERY COMMAND! A MOST OBEDIENT BIRD-- DON'T YOU AGREE?
YOU CHOOSE NOT TO ANSWER! CAN IT BE THAT YOU HAVE MORE URGENT MATTERS ON YOUR MIND?


SURE!--LIKE SELF-PRESERVATION, FOR INSTANCE!
SKRUMP!
CAN'T KEEP DODGING HIM MUCH LONGER!
IT'S TIME TO USE MY BILLY CLUB!


IF YOU EXPECT ME TO FIGHT THAT FLYING WOMBAT OF YOURS--FORGET IT!
I'M NOT ABOUT TO WASTE MY TIME ON A MECHANICAL STOOGE--
YOUR CRUDELY THROWN STICK POSES NO DANGER TO ME!
NOT WHEN HIS MANIACAL MASTER IS CALLING THE TUNE!
ONCE I MERELY TURN THIS DIAL, I'LL-- =UNHHHH.!=
PTHAK!
IT--DIDN'T SEEM--TO BE MOVING--SO FAST--!
COME BACK TO POPPA, BABY! THAT'S IT!
CAN'T LET UP! I'VE GOT TO KEEP ATTACKING BEFORE HE SENDS HIS BIRD AT ME AGAIN!
WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF HE KNEW THESE BULLS EYES WERE BEING TOSSED BY A BLIND MAN!
OF COURSE, A SUPER SENSE OF HEARING, AND OF TOUCH, PLUS A BUILT-IN RADAR SENSE CAN COMPENSATE QUITE A BIT!
FHTHAK!
NOOOO!


BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, AS IF ENOUGH WASN'T GOING ON ALREADY--
KRAKOOM!
THAT NOISE! IT CAN ONLY BE--THE VOLCANO!! IT'S ERUPTING!!
THAT MEANS--THE ENTIRE ISLAND--IS--DOOMED!!
KRRAKK!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO ESCAPE--
MY ROBOT BIRD!
I'VE GOT TO SAVE JUDGE LEWIS!!
BUT--I CAN'T LET THE OWL GET AWAY!
THANKS TO YOUR UNFORGIVABLE MEDDLING, MY GREATEST CREATION IS FLYING OUT OF CONTROL!
BUT, IT WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE ME--FOR IT WILL TRANSPORT ME OFF THIS ISLAND WHILE THERE STILL IS TIME!
THAT MAKES SENSE, BUTTERBALL! BUT, REMEMBER ONE THING--
WHERE YOU GO--I GO!
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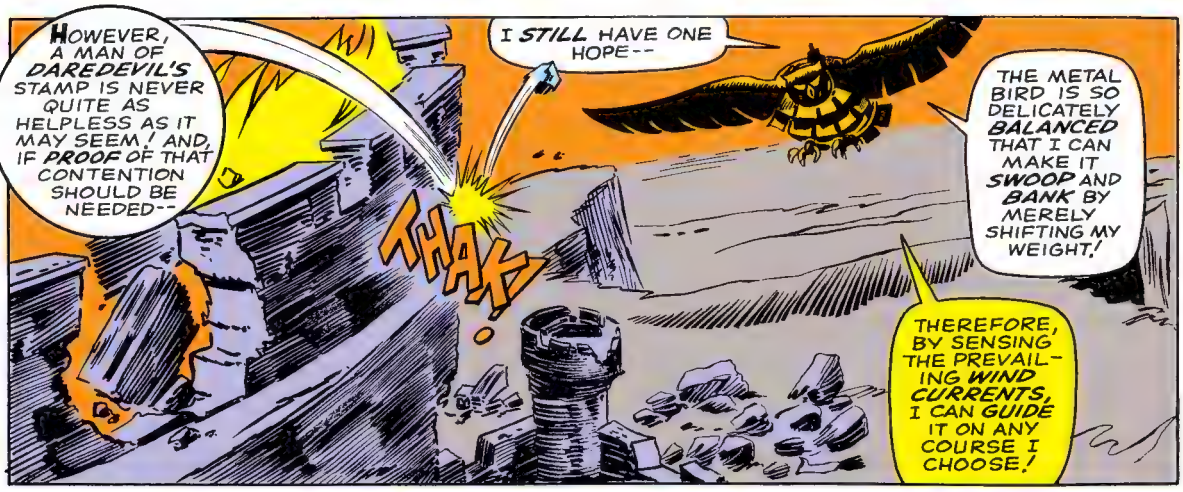
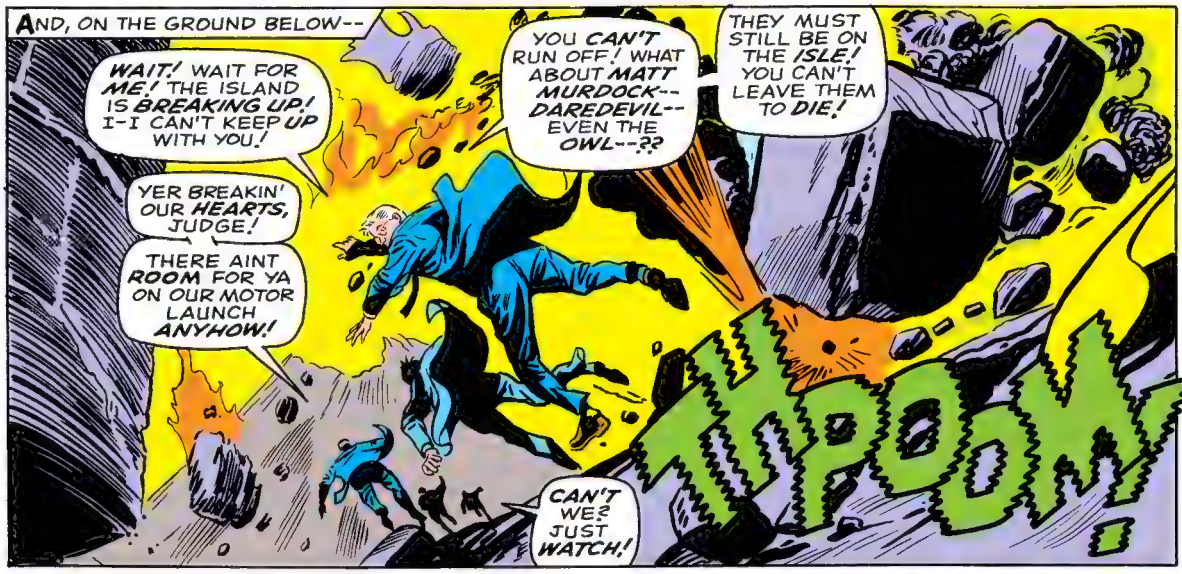
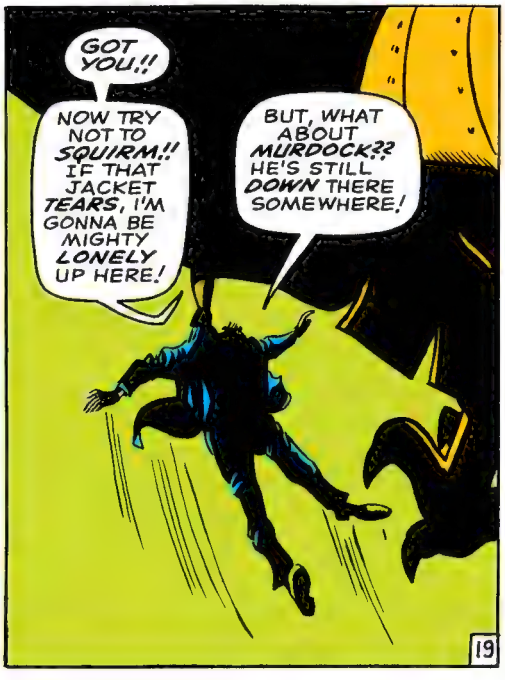
EXCELLENT! THEN, I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE AFTER ALL!
FOR, HERE IN THE SKY, IT'S THE OWL WHO IS SUPREME!
I HATE TO MAKE A LIAR OUT OF YOU, BUT--!
YOU FORGET-- DESPITE YOUR ABILITY, YOU HAVEN'T THE POWER OF FLIGHT!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M ONE OF THOSE UNDER-PRIVILEGED SUPER-HEROES YOU READ ABOUT!
WHILE YOU HANG ON FOR DEAR LIFE-- I HAVE THE FREEDOM OF MOTION UP HERE!
NOW-- PREPARE FOR YOUR FATE, DARE-DEVIL!
THUMP!
THUMP
HE CAN STAND UP THERE-- HALF-GLIDING ALONG WITHOUT FALLING OFF-- WHILE I DARE NOT LOSE MY GRIP!
BUT, I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER WHILE HE KICKS MY HANDS THAT WAY!!
C'MON, CUT IT OUT! HOW'LL I EXPLAIN THIS TO MY MANICURIST!
WOK
I SAID --CUT IT OUT!
YOU'RE TURNING INTO A REAL SLOPPY HOST!

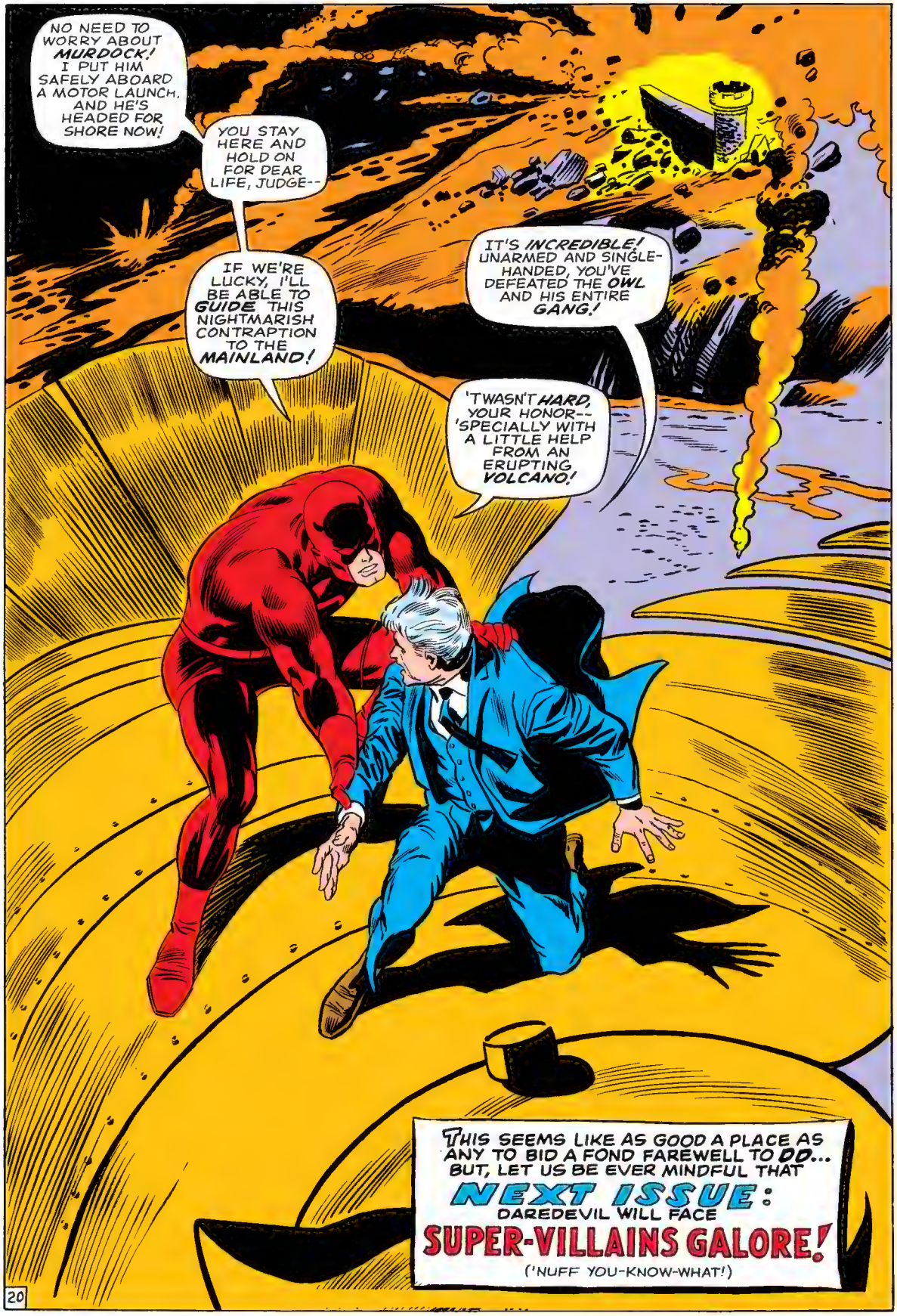
YOU! YOU'VE RUINED EVERYTHING! BUT YOU'LL NEVER SPOIL MY PLANS AGAIN!
I'LL HURL YOU TO THE GROUND BELOW IF IT'S THE LAST THING I EVER DO!
IF I HAVE MY WAY, SON--IT WILL BE!
HERE HE COMES! I'VE GOT TO TIME THIS JUST RIGHT!
WHUPPF!
IF YOU WANNA PLAY LEAP FROG, MISTER-- YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE!
I GOT RID OF HIM FOR NOW-- BUT IT ENDED IN A STAND-OFF!
WE'RE MOVING TOO FAST FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO CATCH ME AGAIN--
BUT, HE'LL BE ABLE TO GLIDE TO SAFETY BEFORE I CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
HAH! THE VICTORY IS MINE, AFTER ALL!
I'M FREE OF THE CRUMBLING ISLAND, AND CAN SOAR ALOFT UNTIL I REACH THE MAINLAND!
BUT, DAREDEVIL MUST REMAIN UPON THE CAREENING, OUT-OF-CONTROL ROBOT --ON A JOURNEY TO CERTAIN DESTRUCTION!


HOWEVER, A MAN OF DAREDEVIL'S STAMP IS NEVER QUITE AS HELPLESS AS IT MAY SEEM! AND, IF PROOF OF THAT CONTENTION SHOULD BE NEEDED--
I STILL HAVE ONE HOPE--
THAK!
THE METAL BIRD IS SO DELICATELY BALANCED THAT I CAN MAKE IT SWOOP AND BANK BY MERELY SHIFTING MY WEIGHT!
THEREFORE, BY SENSING THE PREVAILING WIND CURRENTS, I CAN GUIDE IT ON ANY COURSE I CHOOSE!


AND, ON THE GROUND BELOW--
WAIT! WAIT FOR ME! THE ISLAND IS BREAKING UP! I-I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU!
YOU CAN'T RUN OFF! WHAT ABOUT MATT MURDOCK--DAREDEVIL--EVEN THE OWL--??
THEY MUST STILL BE ON THE ISLE! YOU CAN'T LEAVE THEM TO DIE!
YER BREAKIN' OUR HEARTS, JUDGE!
THERE AINT ROOM FOR YA ON OUR MOTOR LAUNCH ANYHOW!
KPOW!
CAN'T WE? JUST WATCH!

JUDGE! STAY WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T MOVE! HOLD YOURSELF LIMP--I'LL GET YOU!!
DAREDEVIL!! B-BUT HOW--??
WOULD YOU BELIEVE--BLIND LUCK??
SOON AS I CAN HEAR HIS HEARTBEAT, I'LL GRAB HIM AND SHIFT MY WEIGHT BACK AGAIN!


GOT YOU!!
NOW TRY NOT TO SQUIRM!! IF THAT JACKET TEARS, I'M GONNA BE MIGHTY LONELY UP HERE!
BUT, WHAT ABOUT MURDOCK?? HE'S STILL DOWN THERE SOMEWHERE!


NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT MURDOCK! I PUT HIM SAFELY ABOARD A MOTOR LAUNCH, AND HE'S HEADED FOR SHORE NOW!
YOU STAY HERE AND HOLD ON FOR DEAR LIFE, JUDGE--
IF WE'RE LUCKY, I'LL BE ABLE TO GUIDE THIS NIGHTMARISH CONTRAPTION TO THE MAINLAND!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! UNARMED AND SINGLE-HANDED, YOU'VE DEFEATED THE OWL AND HIS ENTIRE GANG!
'TWASN'T HARD, YOUR HONOR-- 'SPECIALLY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM AN ERUPTING VOLCANO!
THIS SEEMS LIKE AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO BID A FOND FAREWELL TO DD... BUT, LET US BE EVER MINDFUL THAT
NEXT ISSUE:
DAREDEVIL WILL FACE
SUPER-VILLAINS GALORE!
('NUFF YOU-KNOW-WHAT!)

Plunderer character design sketch
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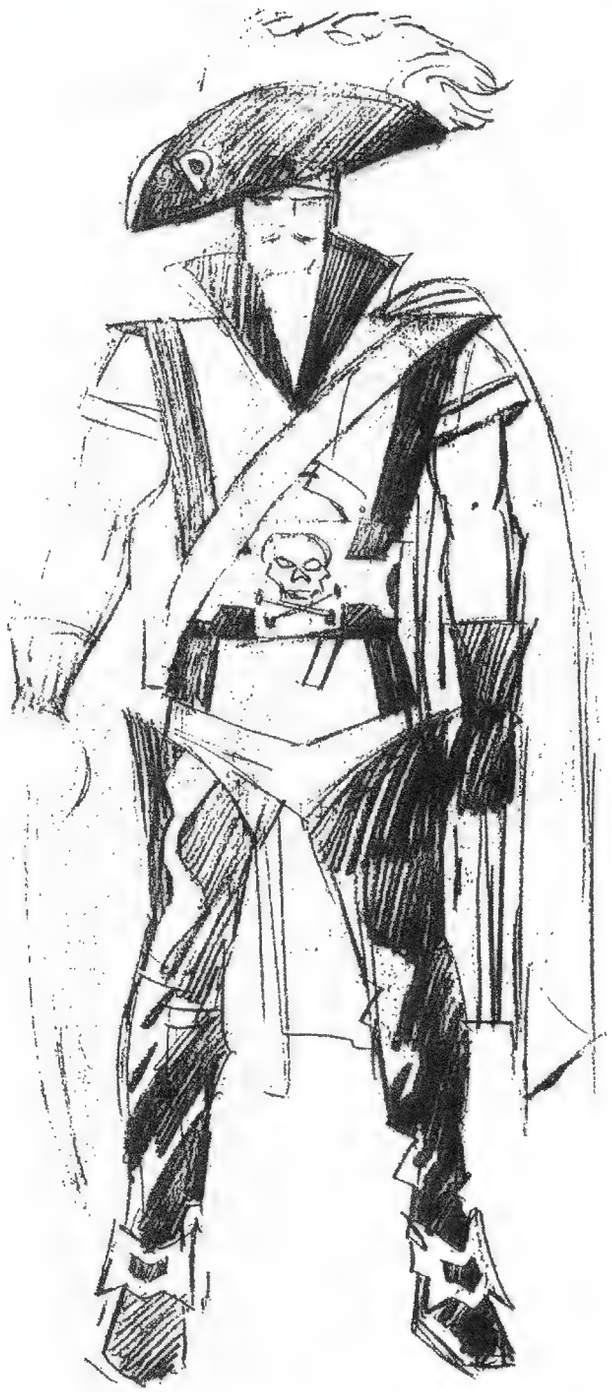

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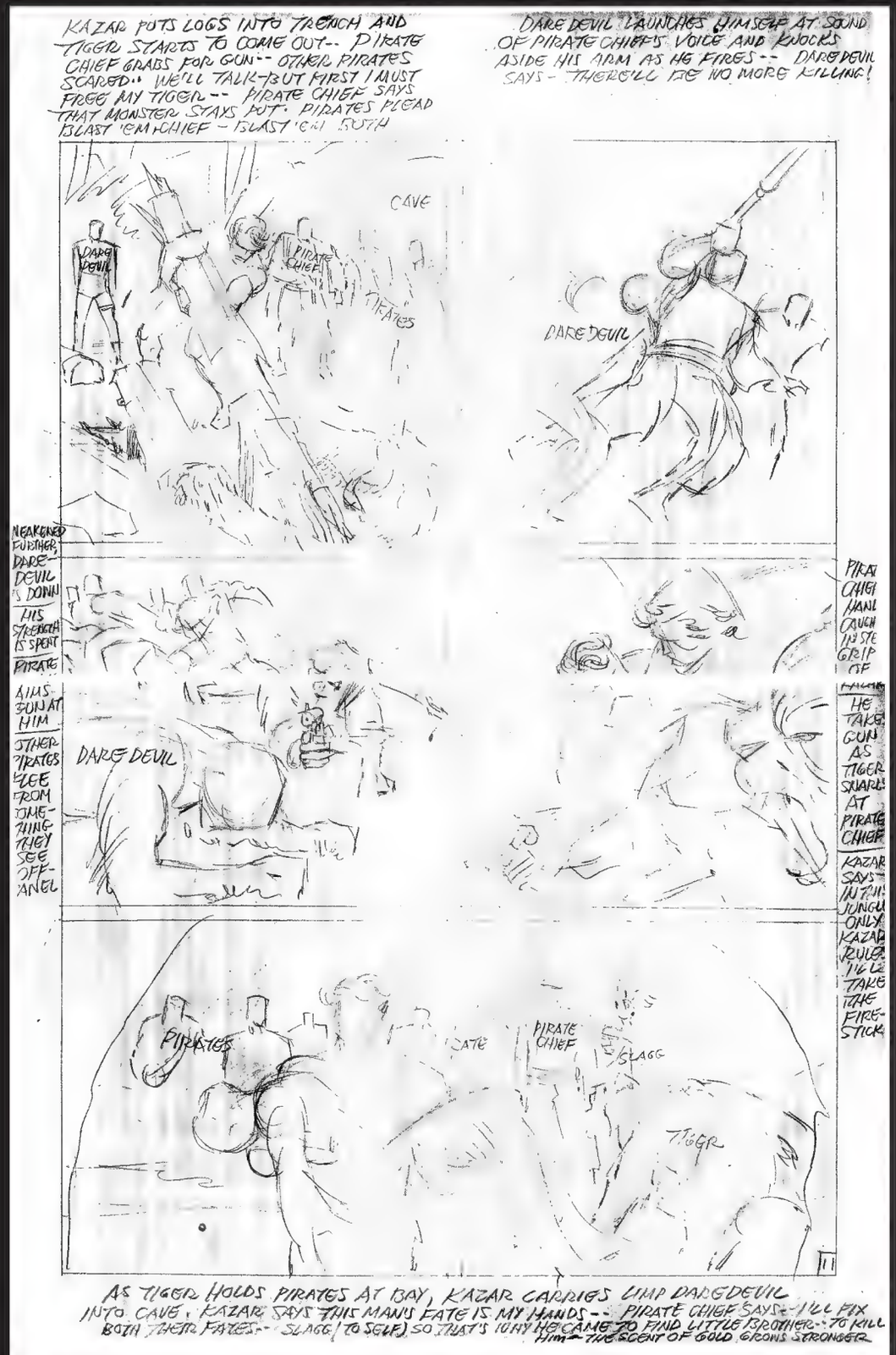
KAZAR PUTS LOGS INTO TRENCH AND TIGER STARTS TO COME OUT-- PIRATE CHIEF GRABS FOR GUN-- OTHER PIRATES SCARED: WE'LL TALK-BUT FIRST I MUST FREE MY TIGER-- PIRATE CHIEF SAYS THAT MONSTER STAYS PUT. PIRATES PLEAD BLAST 'EM CHIEF - BLAST 'EM BOTH
DARE DEVIL LAUNCHES HIMSELF AT SOUND OF PIRATE CHIEF'S VOICE AND KNOCKS ASIDE HIS ARM AS HE FIRES-- DAREDEVIL SAYS - THERE'LL BE NO MORE KILLING!
CAVE
DARE DEVIL
PIRATE CHIEF
PIRATES
DARE DEVIL
WEAKENED FURTHER, DARE-DEVIL IS DOWN
HIS STRENGTH IS SPENT
PIRATE AIMS GUN AT HIM
OTHER PIRATES FLEE FROM THE-THING THEY SEE OFF-PANEL
DARE DEVIL
PIRATE CHIEF MANAGES TO CATCH HIS STEEL GRIP OF
HE TAKES GUN AS TIGER SNARLS AT PIRATE CHIEF
KAZAR SAYS- IN THIS JUNGLE ONLY KAZAR RULES. I'LL TAKE THE FIRE-STICK
PIRATES
PIRATE CHIEF
SLAGG
TIGER
AS TIGER HOLDS PIRATES AT BAY, KAZAR CARRIES LIMP DAREDEVIL INTO CAVE. KAZAR SAYS THIS MAN'S FATE IS MY HANDS-- PIRATE CHIEF SAYS- I'LL FIX BOTH THEIR FATES-- SLAGG (TO SELF) SO THAT'S WHY HE CAME TO FIND LITTLE BROTHER-- TO KILL HIM- THE SCENT OF GOLD GROWS STRONGER

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WEEKS LATER-- FOGGY AND GIRL AT BUSY AIRPORT SCENE-- DRESSED FOR TRAVEL-- BRIEFCASE- TRAVELING BAGS-- CROWDS-- FOGGY SAYS- I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT-- OUR BEING HERE- READY TO FLY TO ENGLAND -- GIRL SAYS-- IF THIS WASN'T A BUSINESS TRIP -- I'D HAVE STAYED HOME
FOGGY AND GAL WALK OUT TO PLANE WITH OTHER PASSENGERS-- GIRL SAYS- I'M IN NO MOOD FOR A VACATION SINCE MATT WAS GIVEN UP FOR DEAD. I'D MUCH RATHER WORK-- FOGGY SAYS I FEEL THE SAME WAY-- BUT EVEN WORK DIDN'T HELP-- SINCE MATT'S DEATH WE COULDN'T EVEN PAY THE RENT ON THE OFFICE
SPEAKER SAYS FLIGHT IS ABOUT TO LEAVE
FOGGY
GIRL
GAL
FOGGY
OTHER PASSENGERS
FOGGY ABOUT TO SEAT HIMSELF NEXT TO
PLANE TAKES OFF
GIRLS VOICE SAYS-
GIRL
FOGGY
HE SAYS "AND NOW THIS- LIKE A BOLT FROM THE BLUE
A BIG CLIENT
THIS MAN PLUNDER OUR FIRM
FOGGYS VOICE SAYS- IT MUST HAVE BEEN MATT'S REPUTATION THAT ATTRACTED HIM
18
CLOSE UP OF GIRL WEEPING AT MENTION OF MATT'S NAME-- SHE SAYS- I-IT'S SO HARD TO BELIEVE HE'S DEAD... FOGGY SAYS-- WE CAN'T BRING HIM BACK--- WHATEVER LIES AHEAD, WE'LL HAVE TO FACE IT BEHIND MATT---
MEANWHILE IN BRITAIN -- PLUNDERS ANCESTRAL CASTLE STANDS BROODING ON THE MOORS -- OUTLINED IN FLASH OF VIOLENT STORM --

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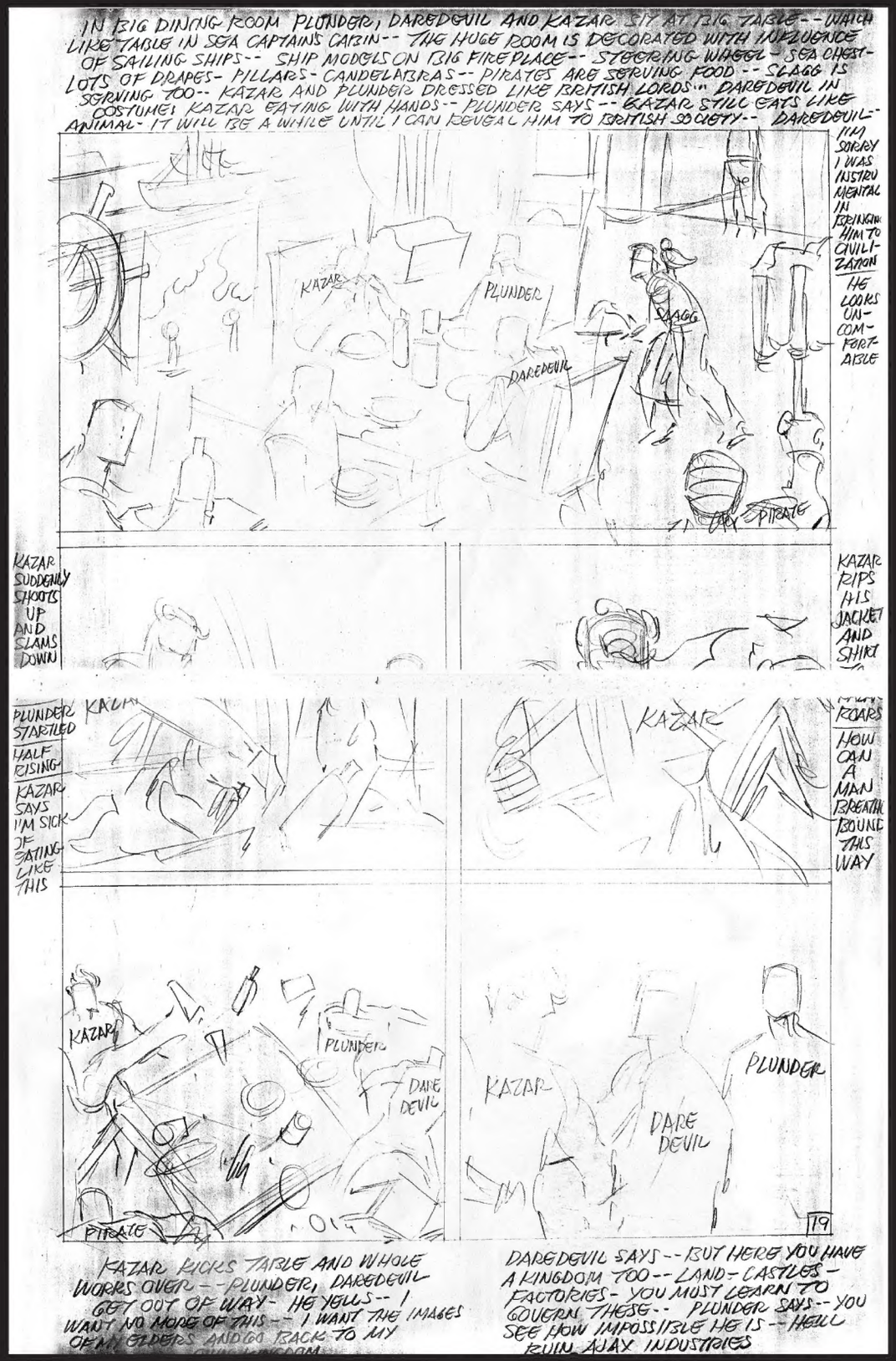
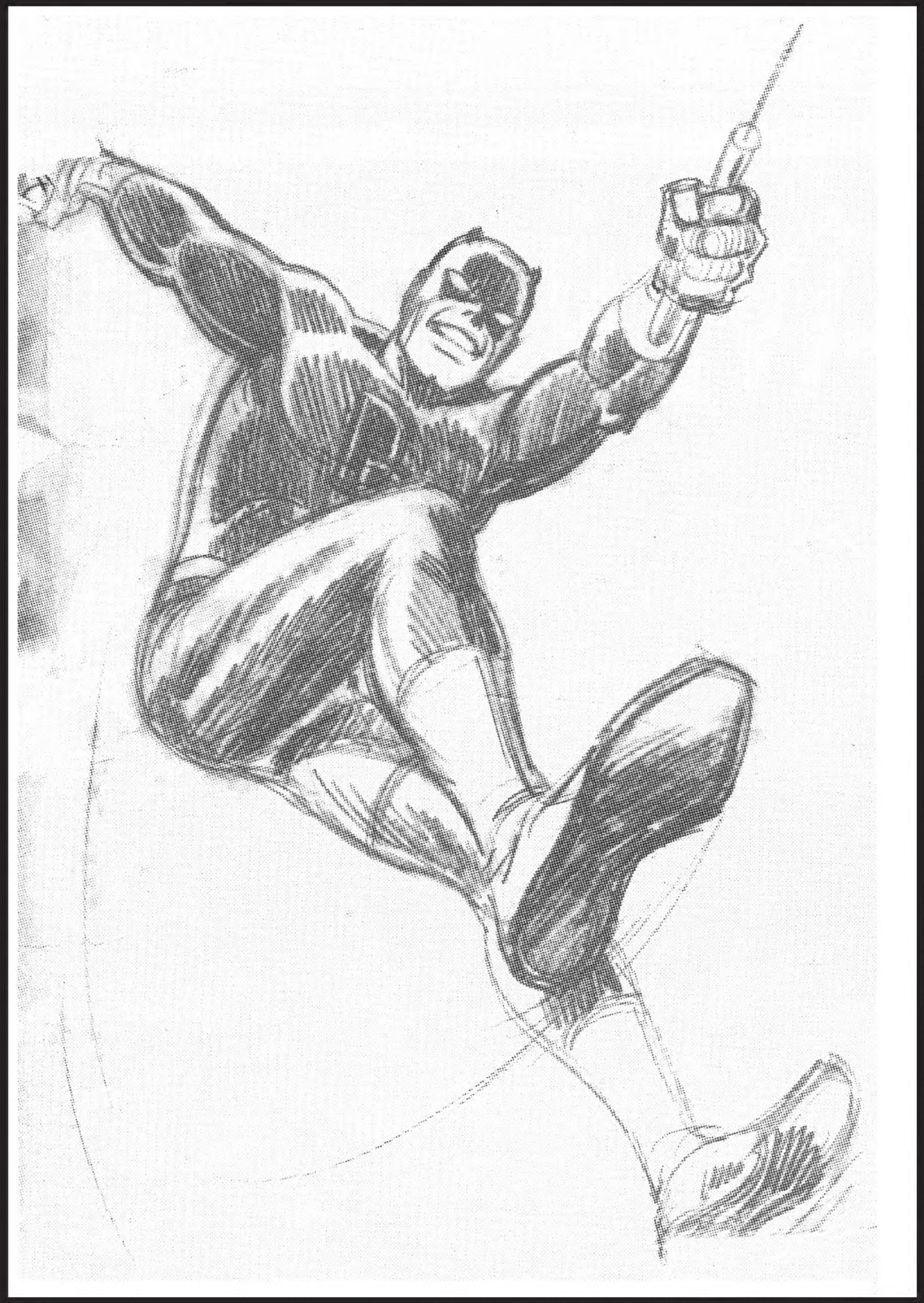

IN BIG DINING ROOM PLUNDER, DAREDEVIL AND KAZAR SIT AT BIG TABLE-- WHICH LIKE TABLE IN SEA CAPTAINS CABIN-- THE HUGE ROOM IS DECORATED WITH INFLUENCE OF SAILING SHIPS-- SHIP MODELS ON BIG FIREPLACE-- STEERING WHEEL- SEA CHEST- LOTS OF DRAPES- PILLARS- CANDELABRAS-- PIRATES ARE SERVING FOOD -- SLAGG IS SERVING TOO-- KAZAR AND PLUNDER DRESSED LIKE BRITISH LORDS-- DAREDEVIL IN COSTUME! KAZAR EATING WITH HANDS-- PLUNDER SAYS-- KAZAR STILL EATS LIKE ANIMAL- IT WILL BE A WHILE UNTIL I CAN REVEAL HIM TO BRITISH SOCIETY-- DAREDEVIL- I'M SORRY I WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING HIM TO CIVILIZATION
KAZAR
PLUNDER
SLAGG
DAREDEVIL
HE LOOKS UNCOMFORTABLE
KAZAR SUDDENLY SHOOTS UP AND SLAMS DOWN
KAZAR RIPS HIS JACKET AND SHIRT
PLUNDER STARTLED HALF RISING-
KAZAR SAYS I'M SICK OF EATING LIKE THIS
KAZAR
KAZAR
KAZAR ROARS
HOW CAN A MAN BREATH BOUND THIS WAY
KAZAR
PLUNDER
DARE DEVIL
PITRAIE
KAZAR
PLUNDER
KAZAR
DARE DEVIL
19
KAZAR KICKS TABLE AND WHOLE WORKS OVER-- PLUNDER, DAREDEVIL GET OUT OF WAY- HE YELLS-- I WANT NO MORE OF THIS-- I WANT THE IMAGES OF MY ELDERS AND GO BACK TO MY
DAREDEVIL SAYS-- BUT HERE YOU HAVE A KINGDOM TOO-- LAND- CASTLES- FACTORIES- YOU MUST LEARN TO GOVERN THESE-- PLUNDER SAYS-- YOU SEE HOW IMPOSSIBLE HE IS -- HE'LL RUIN AJAX INDUSTRIES

John Romita's first sketch of Daredevil, circa 1965



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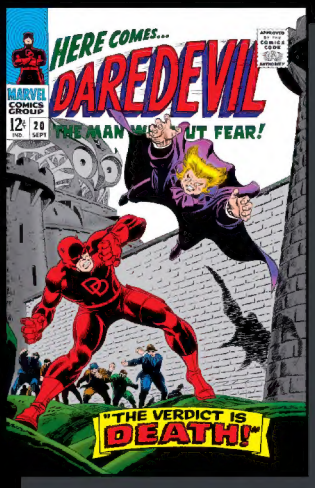

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